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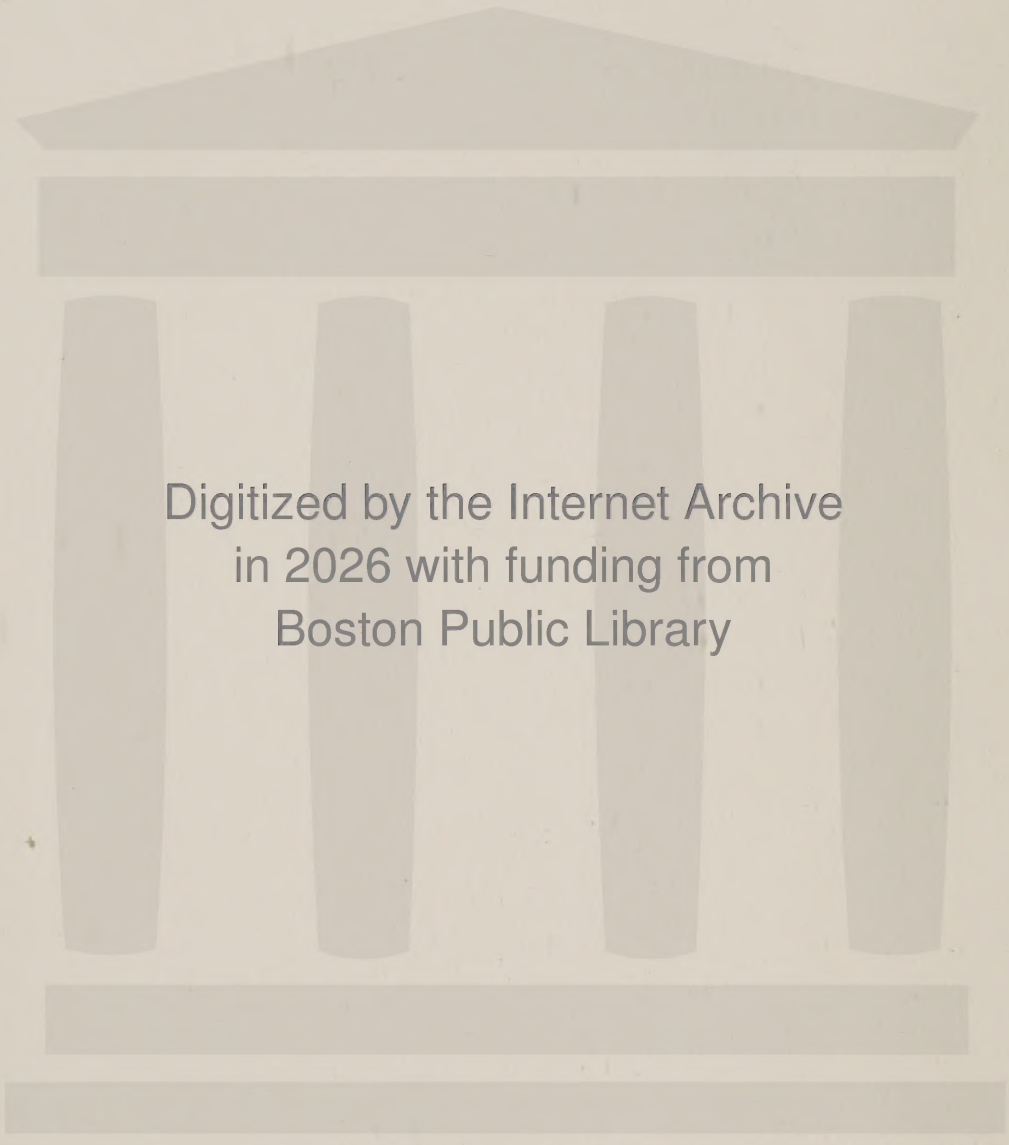
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Grafton Town Book of records

Worcester ss To Mr Ebenezer Wadsworth Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are Required in the name of the Government & People of the State of Massachusetts-Bay to warn & notify all the Votable Inhabitants of this Town to assemble at the Town Meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the Seventh day of June Next at 12 O Clock at noon Then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1 To Choose a Moderator for Sd meeting

2 For the Town to Choose a Committe to supply the pulpit for Such a Term of Time as they shall See Cause

3 For the Town to Grant money to Supply the pulpit

4 For the Town to appoint a Committee if they do See Cause to Examine the Town records respecting a road in dispute Between Joseph Brown & John Sherman and Report or revise the Said Road agreable thereto or act thereon as they Shall think proper

5 To abate the Rates assessed on Elijah Stanton in the hands of Nathl Ward present Constable

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hand & Seal at Grafton this Twenty first day of May 1779 Andrew Adams / Silas Ware jn / Major Harrington / Jno Sherman / Benja Goddard

Grafton 6 month 1779 I have notified the votable Inhabitants to meet at the Time & place as set forth in this warrant — Ebenezer Wadsworth Constable

June 7th 1779 The Town of Grafton met Pursuant to the warrant and proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Capt. Luke Drury Moderator

2 Voted to have a Committee Chosen of 3 men to Supply the pulpit Past over the second & 3d article untill for the present

3 By vote abated Elijah Stanton rates in the hands of Nathl Ward present Constable

Then adjourn their meeting to Wednesday 16 of June Inst at the meeting-house at one o Clock afternoon Luke Drury Moderator

June 16 1779 The Town being met on adjournment from June 16 1779 This Town being met on adjournment from

Voted to have a Committee of Seven agreable to the 4th article the parties paying the above Committee

By vote Chose Benja Goddard [illegible]

June 1779 (2)

Then voted for said Committee to Report to the Town at their adjournment
By vote adjourn half an hour to this place Luke Drury Moder
The Town met on adjournment
art 2 By vote Chose Dea. Jos. Merriam Dea. Jos. Batchellor & Col. John Goulding a Committee to supply the pulpit
Then voted for the above Com.tee to supply the pulpit for 2 months
By vote Granted £ 70 — to supply the pulpit
Luke Drury Moderator.

Worcester ss To Mr Nath.l Ward Constable for the Town of Grafton Greet
You are hereby Required in the name of the Government & people
of the Massachusetts Bay to warn all the votable Inhabitants
of this Town to assemble at the Town's meeting house in said
Grafton on Wednesday the Sixteenth day of this Instant June
at 3 of the Clock afternoon then & there to act as follows
viz 1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 To See if the Town will Concur with the Churches vote
for Calling a Council for advice with respect to Mr
Grosvenors Request for a Dismission &c
3 To abate the rates assess.d on John Wesions Real Estate
in the hands of Josiah Fairbanks Late Constable
4 To abate the rate of Jos. Wood Jun.r in the hand of Josiah
Fairbanks late Constable
5 To hear Elijah Stantons request for having his wages made
Good & act thereon as they shall think proper
Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with
your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the
hour of meeting
Given under our hands & seal at Grafton this
Twelveth day of June A.D 1779 Andr.w Adams
Tim.o Sherman
Benj.a Goddard
Selectmen for Grafton

Return
In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the votable
Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet at the time & place and for
the purpose within mentioned Grafton 16 June 1779 Nath.l Ward Constable

June 16: 1779
The Town of Grafton pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz
1 By vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator for s.d meeting
2 Put to vote whether the Town will Concur with the Churches vote
respecting Mr Grosvenors Request for a dismission &c
Past in the negative
The vote was put whether the Town will abate the rates assess.d
on John Wesions Real Estate in the hand of Josiah Fairbanks
Late Constable and it pass.d in the Negative
Put to vote whether the Town will abate the rate of Jos. Wood Jr
in the hands of Josiah Fairbanks Late Constable
pass.d in the negative — Perley Batchellor Moderator

June 1779 (3)

Worc.r ss To Either of the Constables of Grafton - - - Greeting

You are Required in the name of the Government & people of the State of Massachusetts-Bay to warn all the votable Inhabitants of this Town to assemble at the Towns Meeting house in s.d Graf.n on monday the Twenty first day of this Instant June at 12 of the Clock at noon. then & there to act as follows viz -

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2 To See if the Town will hire the Continental Soldiers and the Militia now ordered to be Rais.d or Either of them & act thereon as they shall think prosper

Here of fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Eighteenth day of June A.D 1779

Silas Warrin
Moses Harrington
Jim.a Sherman
Benja Goddard
} Selectmen for Grafton

Return - - -

Worc.r ss In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet at the Time & place for the purpose within mentioned

Grafton June 21.st 1779 - -

Nath.l Ward Constable -

June 21 - 1779

The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as

1 By vote Chose Joseph Brown Moderator

Then put to vote whether the Town will hire four Continental men & three Militia men now ordered to be Rais.d pursuant to s.d warrant

Then the Town voted to have a Committee of Seven men to hire the men now ordered to be raised

By voth Chose - -

Capt Joseph Warren
Capt Eph.a Lyon -
Capt Nath.l Bowers
Benja Garfield
Dr Jos. Wood
Joseph Brown
Lt Jon.a Stow
} for s.d Committee

Capt L. Bray dissents against the Town raising the militia & the men for then taking in raising money to pay them

also Lt. Moses Hayden & Frank Fairbanks dissent against the proceedings of this meeting

attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Then By vote ordered the Town treasurer to Give note in behalf of the Town for the money to hire the men now ordered to be

Then By vote the Town Impowered the above Committee to hire the men Either in produce or in Cash as they Can agree

By vote adjourned this Meeting to Fryday next at 2 O Clock after noon to the meeting house - - Joseph Brown Moderator

June 25.th 1779 The Town met on adjournment & proceeded to Busi-

the Com.tee Reported that they had hired & mustered three Continental Soldiers at 2000 Dollars Each & one militia man at 1000 Dollars Bounty to be paid over & above all other per quisites

then voted that the above Com.tee proceed & finish their Business

By vote adjourned to Tuesday the 29.th of this instant June at 6 Clock after noon to s.d meetinghouse Joseph Brown Moderator

June 29: 1779 (4)

The 29 June 1779 the Town met according to adjournment and proceeded to hear the Report of the Committee which Report is as fallow viz -

The Committee for hiring Soldiers Report that they have Inlisted the four Continental Soldiers & Three Militia men in the fallowing Manner viz The four Continentals to have £600 a piece & part of the Money paid down and the Remainder in Town Treasury notes payable on Interest in Six months the militia men to have one hundred pounds down & the Remainder viz £200 in the above mentioned notes & they have also Expended £15 on Bounty paid to Persons whose Inlistment were Given up

The above Report Read and accepted

Worcester ss To Mr Ebenr Wadsworth — Joseph Brown Moderator Constable for the Town of Grafton - - - - Greeting

Gon are hereby Required in the name of the Government & people of the Massachusetts Bay to notify & warn all the votable Inhabitants of this Town to assemble at the Towns Meeting house in said Grafton on monday the Twelveth day of this Instant July at 6 O Clock afternoon then & there to act as fallows viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said Meeting

2 For the Town to hear the votes & proceedings of the Town of Boston for the purpose of Reducing the Excorbitant prices Given for the Necessaries of life and appreciating our Currency agreable to the Request of the Committee of Correspondance Inspection & Safety of this Town and act thereon as they Shall See Proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with Gour doings thereon to one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this ninetth day of July A.D. 1779

Andrew Adams
Moses Harrington
Jona. Sherman
Benj.a Goddard
Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton 11 day of the 7th month I have notified ye votable Inhabitants to meet at the time & place set forth in this warrant Ebenr Wadsworth Constable

12 July 1779 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded

1 By vote Capt Henry Prentice moderator for said meeting

2 Voted to Recommend to one or more of the Committee of Correspondence &c to meet the Several Committees of the other Towns at Concord on the fourteenth of July instant for the purpose mentioned in the second artt and report to the Town as soon as may be of their proceedings

Then adjourned this meeting to the 26th of July Instant to the meeting house Six O Clock afternoon Henry Prentice Moderator

26th July 1779 the Town met on adjournment & Voted

August 1779 (5)

Worcester ss To Mr Nath.l Ward Constable for Grafton Greet

You are hegquired in the name of the Government and People of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn & Notify all the ~~[illegible]~~ Inhabitants of Grafton who are Free & Twenty-one years of age to apemble at the meeting house in Grafton on monday the nineth day of this Instant August one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act on

1 To Choose a Moderator for said meeting

2 For the Town to hear the Reportes of Court for framing a new Constitution or form of Government and Conform thereto if they see Cause

And also you are to warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton Duly Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at said meeting-house in Grafton at Two of the Clock afternoon on the same day to act on the following artikly viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for s.d meeting

2 For the Town to hear the proceedings of the Convention at Concord the 14th day of last July and to act thereon as they may think proper

3 For the Town to Chuse one or more Deligates to Join the Convention at Worcester on the Eleventh of this Instant August to act on affairs that may then ly before them

4 To see if the Town will hire all the Soldiers who may be ordered to be hair by authority for one year and Chuse a Committee therefor if they see Cause

5 To abate John Wilsons rate assest on his land in the hands of Josiah Fairbanks late Constable

6 To abate the rate assest on Jonas Dexter of Cumberland in the hands of Philemon Stacy Late Constable

7 To abate the rate of David Forbush Junr in the hands of Philemon Stacy Late Constable

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Seventh day of August A.D. 1779

Benja Goddard
Moses Harrington } Select men
Timo Sherman } of Grafton

Return

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the Inhabitants of Grafton being Free & Twenty one years of age and also all the Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Time & place within mentioned

Grafton 9 August 1779 Nath.l Ward Constable

9th August 1779 Town of Grafton met pursuant to Warning proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Deacn Joseph Batchellor Moderator
2 By vote Chose Capt Luke Drury to represent the Town in the Convention to be holden at Cambridge agreable to the second artle in the warrant
Then voted to Instruct D. Deligate to proceed according to the recommendation of the General Court for laying the proceedings of the Convention Before the Town
Joseph Batchellor Moderator

Also the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton being met pursuant to warning proceeded to Business viz
1 By vote Chose Andrew Adams Moderator
2 After reading the proceedings of the Convention at Concord the 14th of last July voted to accept thereof
Then By vote Chose Perley Batchelor to Joyn the Convention at Concord next october
Then voted to have a Committee of 7 men in this Town to Regulate the prices of Innholders &c agreable to the 5th Resolve of Convention By vote Chose Capt Luke Drury
Jon Whipple
Nahum Stone
Capt Jos Warrin
Philo Stacy
Jona Stow
Abn Stow Jr
for Committee

voted to have Two deligates to Join the Convention at Worcester agreable to the third article in ye Warrant
By vote Chose Capt Ephm Lyon & Timo Sherman for said Committee
Then by vote adjourned this meting to the 18th of this August at 3 O Clock afternoon to the meting house
Andrew Adams Moderator

Eighteenth of August 1779 The Town of Grafton met on Adjournment & proceeded as follows viz
voted to pass By the 4th article for the present
By vote abated the Rate assessed on John Wesson land in the hands of Isaiah Fairbanks Late Constable
By vote abated the Rate of James Dexter of Cumberland in the hands of Philemon Stacy Late Constable
By vote abated the rate of David Forbush Jr in the hands of Philemon Stacy late constable
By vote accepted of the proceedings of the Convention at Worster for Regulating the prices of provision & other articles
Then voted to accept of the proceedings of the Towns Committee in Regulating the prices of Artiles not Enumerated by the Convention

Then voted to Chuse a Committee of Nine men to put the proc
of the County Convention & Town Committee as above accepte
by the Town into Execution By vote Chose John Maynard,
Colo Jno Goulding
Henry Prentice
David Forbush
Dr. Timo Darling
Benja Garfield
Capt Luke Drury
Shelomith Stow
& Abner Stow Jr.
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Then By vote the Town ordered & directed the Committee of Corre
pondance to join in Conjunction with the above Comtee to pu
the above Resolves & proceedings into Execution
Voted that the Town will assist the above Committees in put
the proceedings & Resolves as aforesaid into Execution
Then by vote the Town ordered the Town Clerk to post (exped
of the County Convention ~~to Hassle~~ & Grafton Committee for reg
lating the price of articles &c at Every publick house in Town
Then By vote the meting was dissolv'd Andrew Adams Moderat

Worcester ss To Mr. Nathanael Ward Constable for Grafton Gra
You are required in the name of the Government & peop
of the Massachusetts Bay to warn & notify all the votab
Inhabitants of this Town to assemble at the Town meting
house in said Grafton on monday the 6th day of this instan
September at 2 of the Clock afternoon then & there to act
as follows viz
1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 For the Town to hire the men now ordered to be hir
and act thereon as they shall think proper
Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant wit
your doings thereon to some one of us at or before t
hour of Meeting

Given under our hand & Seal at Grafton this fifth
day of Sept & A.D. 1779 Andw Adams
Benja Goddard Select men
Moses Harrington of Grafton
Timo Sherman

Return
In obedience to y within warrant I have warned all the votable
Inhabitants in the Town of Grafton to meet at the time & plac
within mentioned
September 6th 1779 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warn
ing & proceeded as follows viz
By vote Chose Andrew Adams Moderator for s meeting
Then put to vote whether the Town will hire the men pre
from a strict Examination they find they are not
& it past in the affirmative
voted to have a Comm of 5 men to hire the men a

By vote Chose Joseph Whipple Elisha Brigham Phiter
Stacy Thomas Bicknell & James Whipple } for said Comm
Then voted that the Treasurer Shall hire money or Give
his note as may be neaded to hire the men as before mention
voted that the Captains of the Two Companies Shall Go to
the Colo of the Regiment to apply for some abatement
respecting the number of men we are ordered to raise
By vote adjourn this meeting to Fryday next at four
o Clock afternoon to y meting house Andrew Adams Mo

Sept 10th 1779 The Town met on adjournment from the
Sixth of this Instant & adjourn'd again to the 27th of the
Instant Sept at 4 o Clock afternoon to the meting hous
on adjournment the Town met & accepted of the Report of the Comtee for hiring Soldiers } Andrew Adams Mod
Andrew Adams moderato

Worcester ss To Mr Nathl Ward Constable for the
Town of Grafton Greting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Govern
ment & people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to
warn all the votable Inhabitants of this Town to
meet & assemble at the Town Meting house on Monday
the 20th day of this instant September at 3 o Clock
afternoon then & there to act as followeth viz
1 To Chuse a moderator for said meting
2 For the Town to do something towards Relieving
the Town of Boston with provision or act thereon
as they Shall think proper
Here of fail not & make return of this warrant with
your doings thereon to one of us at or before the
hour of meting
Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this
Eighteenth day of September A D 1779
Andrew Adams
Jay Harrin
Moses Harrington } Select
Jno Sherman
Benja Goddard } men
for Grafton

Return
In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the votable inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place within mentioned
Nathl Ward Constable

September 20th 1779 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz.
By vote Chose Joseph Brown Moderator
Voted to assist in supplying the Town of Boston with Necessaries this present time
Then voted to have a Committee of seven men to Collect & Convey the provisions to Boston & manage the whole affair
By vote Chose Capt Luke Perry Thos Bicknell Jno Barnard
Henry Prentice Benja Garfield Ebenr Brigham Jun & Moses Harrington
as said Committee
Joseph Brown Moderator

October 1779 (9)

Worcester ss To Mr Ebenr. Wadsworth Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government & people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn & notify all the volable Inhabitants of this Town to assemble at the Town meting house in Grafton on monday the 27th day of this Instant September at one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act as follows viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meting

2 To grant money to defray Town Charges

3 To Grant money to Supply the pulpit for such Term of time as the Town may see Cause and Chuse a Committee therefor or act thereon as they may think proper

4 To see if the Town will abate the rates assess'd on Lt Jan' Grants poll & Real Estate in the hands of Ebenr Wadsworth present Constable

5 For the Town to abate the rates assess'd on Peter Thurston in the hands of Nath[l] Ward present Constable

6 To abate the rates of Moses Adams in the hands of Nath[l] Ward present Constable 6

7 To accept Town debts

8 For the Town to Give the Committee or Inspection further Instructions Respecting the late stated price of articles or act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting

Given under our hands & seal at Grafton this ninth day of Sept A.D. 1779

Andrew Adams
Moses Harrington
Jona. Thurston
Benja. Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton

Return

In pursuant of this warrant I have notified y volable Inhabitants to meet at the Time & place as set forth in this warrant Ebenr Wadsworth C

27th September 1779 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Andrew Adams Moderator

Voted to pass By the 2d & 3d article for the present

Art 4th Put to vote whether the Town will abate the rates of the Grant in the hands of Ebenr Wadsworth present Constable if past in the Negative

5 Put to vote whether the Town will abate Peter Thurstons rate in the hands of Nathl Ward present Constable past in y Negative

6 Put to vote whether the Town will abate the rate of Moses Adams in the hands of Nathl Ward present Constable past in y affirmative

7art. proceeded to accept Town debts

By vote accepted of a bill Brought in by Elisha Brigham for Boarding Jr Benja Roberts Two weeks & 1 meal Signd By the Selectmen £0-12-

By vote accepted of a bill Brought in by Sqr Brooks for Boarding a School master 5 weeks at £3. per week £15

Turn over

October 1779

By vote accepted of a bill Brought in by the select men for supplying Dan.l Bruce with Sundry articles Sum total - - £17:12

2 article By vote the Town Granted £3820 to defray the Charge of the war

By vote Granted - - - - - 1000 to defray other Town Charges

By vote Granted - - - - - 1180 in addition to the £3820 for paying the Charge of the war - -

By vote adjorned to the Eleventh day of ~~November~~ October next at 3 o Clock afternoon to y.e meting house Andrew Adams Mod.r

11 of October 1779 the Town met according to adjornment & proceeded

art. 1 By vote Granted £1000 to repair highways the year Ensuing

art. 2 The vote was put whether the Town will Grant a Sum of money to supply the pulpit for any term of time as the Town shall agree & Carried in the Negative

Accepted of Thos. Prattle's bill for taking Care of the Rev.d Mr Phillips from March 30 1778 £97-16

art. 3 The vote was put whether the Town will Continue to Inforce the Resolves of the Convention respecting the Regulating article & it passed in the affirmative

Andrew Adams moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Nathl Ward Constable for the Town of Grafton

You are required in the name of the Government & people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn every of the voteable Inhabitant on the south side of this Town to assemble at the Town meting house in Grafton on day the 14th day of October Instant at one o Clock afternoon then & there to act as follow viz

1st To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To see if the Town will hire the men now ordered to be raised by authority or any part or act thereon as they may see Cause

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 14th day of October A D 1779

Andrew Adams
Moses Harrington
Select men
Jona.s Newhall
Benja Goddard
for Grafton

Return

In obedience to y.e within warrant I have warned all the voteable Inhabitants on the south side of Grafton to meet at time & place within mentioned

The same warrant in words was Issued by the same Select men to Ebn.r Hodgworth Constable to warn the north part of the Town to meet at the time & place

His return

In pursuant of this warrant I have notified the voteable Inhabitants to meet at time & place as within set forth in the presence of

Ebn.r Hodgworth Constable

October 18th 1779 Town of Graftion met pursuant to warning & proceeded
By vote Chose Capt. Luke Drury moderator
after reading the orders for raising the men mentioned in the 2d article
the town past a vote to hire the men now ordered to be raised
Voted to have a Committee of seven men to hire the men now
ordered to be raised
By vote Chose Capt Aaron Kimball
Capt Nicho Power
Capt Luke Drury
Chim Leland
Joseph Willard
Jno Morgan
Jacob Putnam
} for Committee

By vote ordered the Town Treasurer to give his note or notes for
such sum or sums as may be needed for raising the soldiers now
ordered to be raised
By vote adjourned this meeting to wednesday the 20th of this instant
October at 3 O Clock afternoon to ye meeting house
Luke Drury Moderator

20 October 1779 the town met according to adjournment & proceeded
By vote ordered the Comtte to make Isaac Brigham pay Equal to the
rent they have hired while is £70 per month
By vote ordered the ~~Comtte~~ Treasurer to Borrow £800 immediately for ye present Committee for hiring Soldiers to Enable them to
hire said Soldiers
Voted to Continue the Committee untill they have hired the Soldiers
By vote adjourned to the 27 of this instant October at 3 O Clock afternoon
to the meeting house
Luke Drury moderator

27 Octo 1779 the Town met on adjournment & proceeded
By voth Chose Capt Nicho Power Modr pretem
the report of the Comtte for hiring Soldiers was read & accepted
Nicho Power moderator

Worcs ss To Mr Nathl Ward Constable for Grafton — Greeting
you are hereby Required in the name of the Government & people
of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn & notify all the voters
Inhabitants of this Town to assemble at the Town meeting house
in Grafton on monday the 8th day of Novr Instant at 12 of the Clock
at noon then & there to act in fullow viz
1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 For the Town to hear the proceedings of the last Convention at Ipswich
and act thereon as they may think proper
Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings
thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting
Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 3d day of Novr
1779

Nathl Adams — } Select men
Elias Warren —
Benja Goddard
Moses Harrington
} of Grafton

Nov. 1779 Return

In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned all the Notable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at the Time & place within mentioned

Grafton Nov. 8th 1779 Nath.l Ward Constable of Grafton

November 8th 1779 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning for hearing the resolves of Concord Convention and proceeded as follows

1 By vote Chose Capt Eph.m Lyon Moderator for said meeting

2 By vote adjourned this meeting to the 15th of this instant November at 2 of the Clock afternoon to the meeting house Eph.m Lyon Mod.r

Nov.r 15th 1779 The Town met according to adjournment and adjourned unto the 22d of Nov.r instant at 4 Clock afternoon to the meeting house

Eph.m Lyon moderator

The Town met according to adjournment & Selected the meeting

Eph.m Lyon Moderator

Greeting To Mr Ebenezer Wadsworth Constable for the Town of Grafton

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Government & people of the State of Massachusetts-Bay to warn & notify all the Notable Inhabitants of the town to assemble at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on monday the Eighth day of Nov.r next at one of the Clock afternoon of the same day there to act on the following articles viz

1 To chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To Grant money to pay the Soldiers now raised or in raising to go to the north river and to Rutland

3 To abate the rate assessed on Joseph Perry Jun.r & others Real Estate in the hands of Nath.l Ward present Constable

4 To abate Eleazer Lelands rate in the hands of Nath.l Ward present Constable

5 To see if the Town will repair the old meeting house or build a new one or act thereon as they may think proper

6 For the Town to hear a petition of Joseph Perry Jun.r & others for dismissing Henry Prentice from being one of the Committee of inspection for carrying into Execution the Resolves of the State Convention and act thereon as they may think proper

7 To abate Henry Harbachs rate in the hands of Said Late Constable

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 22d day of October A.D. 1779

Andrew Adams
Silas Harris
Moses Harrington
Benj.a Sherman
Benj.a Goddard

Selectmen of Grafton

Return

Grafton the 26th day of the instt month I have notified the Notable inhabitants to meet at the time and place Set forth in this Warrant Ebenezer Wadsworth Constable

Eighth of November 1779 the Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

By vote Chose Dr Joseph Wood moderator

By vote the Town Granted £2000 to pay the Soldiers for Going to the North river and to Rutland agreable to the second artical in the warrant

The vote was put whether the Town will abate Asaph Sherman's rate on his Estate in the hands of Nath.l Ward present Constable past in the negative

put to vote whether the Town will abate the rate of Eleazer Leland's rate in the hand of Nathanael Ward present Constable and it past in the negative

the Town voted that they will repair the old meting house on Supposition they Can agree with the pew men

Voted to have a Committe of five men to treat with the pew men

By vote Chose David Forbush Col.o Jn.o Golding Elisha Brigham Jonathan Howe & Andrew Adams for said Committe

By vote dismiss'd Henry Prentice from being one of the Committe agreed to the petition refered to in the 6th artical

By vote Chose Amos Davis to serve a committe man in Henry Prentice's room

put to vote whether the Town will abate the rates of Henry Prentice's rate in the hands of Isaiah Fairbanks Late Constable past in the negative

By vote adjourned this meting to monday the 22d day of this instant at one of the Clock afternoon to the meting house Joseph Wood Mod.r

Nov.r 22: 1779 the Town met according to adjournment & proceeded as follows

The vote was put whether the Town will agree to the offer the pew men have made or may make to the town viz: that they will take one third part of what the pews are sold for at the vendue when the meting house is put in good repair and it past in the affirmative

voted to have two more added to the above Committe Chosen to treat with the pew men

By vote Chose Deacon Joseph Meriam & Silas Warrin in addition to the Committe

voted to have the Committe Get as many more Signers as they can to the offers that some of the pew men have made to the Town or else what offers any of them will make and report to the Town on the adjournment of this meting

By vote adjourned this meting to monday the sixth of December next at one of the Clock afternoon to the meting house Joseph Wood Moderator

Dec.r 6th 1779 the Town of Grafton met according to adjournment & proceeded as follows viz

Put to vote whether the Town will Go on to Repair the meting house and it past in the affirmative

Voted to Continue the above Committe and ordered them to agree with the rest of the pew men as they have with the others if they Can

voted to Chuse a Committe to draw a plann how to repair the meting house and bring it to the Town for acceptance and also to prepare Stuff to repair said house

Voted to have nine men for said Committe

By vote Chose Benja Goddard
Capt Aaron Kimball
Capt Nath.l Sherman
Lt Moses Hayden
Silas Warrin
John Sherman
Deac.n Jos. Meriam
Moses Woolbrook
& Lt Jos. Wood

for said Committe

By vote adjourned this meting to monday the 13th day of this instant December at one of the Clock afternoon to the meting house

Joseph Wood Moderator

Capt Aaron Kimball's rate to the Town Collector Boyd Town Clerk
the pew men have agreed to pay

December 13th 1779 the Town met according to adjournment
The report of the Committee was read how or in what manner the
meetinghouse shall be repaired which report is as follows viz
That the meetinghouse both Clapboard & Shingles Shall all be
Strip.d off & as many of the Boards as may be thought needful
and said house new dress.d
That the old pews be pulled down in order to search the floor
and Build them again with as much of the old Stuff as is thought
proper by the oberseers
That there be three porches built one at Each door to go into
the Galeries
That there be twelve pews built on the Ground where the hinder
part of the Body Seats are viz Six on Each Side of the Broadalley
That the Indian Seats be taken up and ten pews be built on the
low Side of the meeting house where the Indian Seats & Stairs are
That there be a row of pews in the Galaries next to the plaistering
allowed
That the plaistering over head be all taken down and all done anew
That there be a new floor laid
That the Side plaistering be mended & new whitewashed
That the house be new Glazed with Square Glass & Glass to be 7 by 9
That there be a new pulpit Built
That the pew at the South west Corner of the meting house be
for the Indians Dated Grafton Dec.r 13th 1779
The above report was read and accepted by the Town
the voate was put whether the Town will dismiss the above Committe
which were Chosen to Glann how the meting house Shall be repaired
&C and it past in the affirmative
Voted to vote whether the Town will order that all the Pews that
shall be built in the meetinghouse Shall be sold to the highest
bidders Except the publick pew & the Indian pew to those only that
belong to this society and the owners of the old pews pass in Said
Voted to Chuse a Committe of five men to prepare Stuff & to repair the
meetinghouse by vote Chos.e Mark Batchellor
Andrew Adams
Capt Aaron Kimball } for s.d Comtte
Mose Hayden
& Silas Warren
by vote adjourned this meeting to monday the 27th of this instant
December at one of the Clock afternoon to the meetinghouse
to hear the report of the Comtte Chosen to prepare Stuff & repair the
meetinghouse
Joseph Wood Moderator
December 27th 1779 The Town met according to adjournment & proceeded
by vote Chos.e Derby Batchellor moderator prot
the voate was put whether the Town will dismiss the above Committe
and Chuse a new Comtte in their room for the same purpose the
above Committe were Chosen for and it past in the affirmative
voted to have a Committe of 3 men to serve as above mentioned
by vote Chos.e Col.o John Goulding Capt Aaron Kimball and Lt
Thomas Whipple a Committe for that purpose
by vote adjourned this meeting to monday the tenth day of Jan.y next
at one of the Clock afternoon to y.e meeting house
Derby Batchellor moderator pro

Dec.r 1779 (15)

Worcester ss To Mr Ebenr Wadsworth Constable for Grafton - Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Government & people of the
State of Massachusetts Bay to warn & notify all the votable inhabitants
of this Town to assemble at the Town meetinghouse in said Grafton on
Monday the 13th day of December instant at 3 O Clock afternoon then
and there to act as follow viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 For the Town to make an addition to the Revd Mr Crowenon salary for
the Last year if they see Cause
3 For the Town to order who shall be Exempted in this Town this year
from the minister rate
4 For the Town to rectify a mistake made in the report of the Last
Committee for hiring men into the Service
5 To abate the rate of Dr Wm Jones in the hands of Nath.l Ward Constable

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon
to one or more of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Eighth day of Dec.r
AD 1779

Andrew Adams
Silas Warrin
Moses Harrington
Jona.s Thurman
Benj.a Goddard
} Select men of Grafton

In pursuant to this warrant I have warned
the votable Inhabitants to meet at time & place
set forth in this warrant

Grafton the 13th day of the 12th month 1779 Ebenr Wadsworth Constable

Grafton December 13th 1779 The Town met pursuant to warning & proceeded
1st By vote Chose Silas Warrin Moderator for said meeting
2 Put to vote whether the Town will make an addition to the Revd Mr
Crowenon Sallary past in the Negative
3 voted that all those that were Exempted the last year from the
minister tax shall be Exempted this year from said tax
4 voted to rectify a mistake in the Committee report mentioned
in the 4th article
By vote a stated Dr Wm Jones's rate in the hands of Nathl Ward Constable

Worcester ss To Mr Nathl Ward Constable for Grafton - Greeting
You are required in the name of the Government & people of
the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn & notify all the votable
Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the Town meetinghouse in
Grafton on monday the 27th of this Instant December at 4 O Clock
afternoon then & there to act as follows viz -
1. To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2. To Grant a sum of money to purchase stuff to repair the meeting
or supply the Committee some other way with money to repair said house
or act thereon as they may think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings
to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & seal at Grafton this 13th day of Dec.r

Andrew Adams
Moses Harrington
Jona.s Thurman
} Select men of Grafton

Grafton December 24th 1779 (16)

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to met at time and place within mentioned

Nathaniel Ward Constable

December 27th 1779 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as fallows viz

By vote Chose Perley Batchellor moderator for said meeting

Voted to have a sum of money hired to prepare Stuff &c to repair the meetinghouse

Voted to have a Committee of three men to hire as much money as is wanted to procure Stuff &c to repair the meetinghouse and supply the Committee with said money who were Chosen for the purpose of repairing said meeting house By vote Chose Silas Warrin / Phinehas Leland / Lt Joseph Bowe } for Committee

By vote adjourned this meeting to monday the 10th day of Jan'y next at 3 O Clock afternoon to ye meeting House Perley Batchellor moderator pro tem

Worcester ss To Mr Ebenr Wadsworth Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hequired in the name of the Government & people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn & notify all the votable Inhabitants of this Town to assemble at the Town meetinghouse in s'd Grafton on monday the Sixth day of March next at Eight of the Clock in the morning then & there to act on the fallowing artickles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 To Chuse Town officers for the Currant year
3 To accept Town debts
4 For the Town to order how to provide for Schooling the Currant year
5 To see if the Town will Suffer the Swine to run at large the Currant year
6 To hear & Consider the report of the Town Treasurer
7 To see what the Town will allow a day for man & for oxen & for Cart to work at highways the Currant year
8 To see if the Town will allow those Squadrons who have not had their part of Schooling the Last year to draw their part of money to lay out for Schooling hereafter
9 For the Town to allow the present Constables Something for the Extraordinary Charge of Collecting rate this year if they See Cause

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before ye hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this fourteenth day of Decr A. D. 1780

Andrew Wilson
Silas Warrin
Moses Harrington
Town Selectmen of Grafton

Return

In pursuant to this warrant I have notified the votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet at the Time & place set forth in this warrant.

Grafton 4th day of the third month 1780

Ebenr Wadsworth Constable

March 6: 1780 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz

By vote Chose Perley Batchelor Moderator

Voted to have five Selectmen

By vote Chose ~~Joseph Meriam Jr~~

By vote Chose Joel Brooks

By vote Chose Moses Holbrook

By vote Chose Elijah Drury

By vote Chose ~~Joseph Brown~~ ~~Benja Hookwood~~

Selectmen

on one of the adjournments the Town Chose Lt Jonr Stow Selectman in y room of Joseph Meriam Jr

By vote Chose Joseph Meriam Jr Town Treasurer sworn

By vote Benja Goddard Town Clerk sworn

By vote adjournd this meting for one hour to y meting hous

On adjournment the Town being met proceeded to business

Voted to have 3 men for a Comtte of Correspondence Inspection & Safety

By vote Chose John Sherman
Dr Jimo Darling
& Elisha Brigham

for S Comtte

Voted to Chuse 3 Assessors

By vote Chose Benja Goddard
Wm Brigham
& Thos Bukmell

Assessors sworn

Voted to have Two Constables & no more for the present year

By vote dismist Joseph Meriam from the office of Selectman and Chose Jimo Meriam Selectman in his room

Voted to have the rest of the officers Chosen by hand vote

Voted to have 3 Tything men

By vote Chose Dr Jimo Darling sworn
Jimo Johnson
& Lt Jos. Whipple

Tything men

By vote Chose Jimo Meriam Constable for y South Side of the Town

By vote adjournd this meting to the 7th of this instant march at one of the Clock afternoon to the meting house

Perley Batchelor Moderator

March the 7th 1780 the Town met on adjournment

on Jimo Meriam refusing to serve Selectman the Town

By vote Chose Lt Jonr Stow Selectman

March 1780 (18)

Voted to hire Collectors of Rates for the year Ensuing
Then the Town voted to have one Collector
Voted to See Who will take the office of Collector Cheapest
with Sufficient Surety to the Town
Voted to have 7 Surveyors of highways
By vote Chose Lt Joseph Whipple
Moses Cutler
Colo Goodell
Henry Prentice
Benja Leland
Amos Gale
& Samuel Flagg
} Highway Surveyors

Voted 2 five wards
Viz Elijah Brown five wards
David Stow

Voted that the above Surveyors Shall be
Collector of the highway rate
Voted to have five hogreaves the year Ensuing
By vote Chose Joel Brooks
Colo John Golding
Peter Thurston
John Willard
& Samuel Howard
} Hogreaves

Voted to have 2 field drivers
Chose Timo Sherman field drivers
& Timo Johnson

Voted to have 3 fence viewers
By vote Chose Jos Perry Jr
Timo Sherman
Ephm Sherman
} fence viewers

Voted to have 2 for
Sealers of Lumber
Chose Capt Ai Kimball
& Lt James Whipple
} Sealers of Lumber

By vote Chose Capt Ephm Lyon Leather Sealer
Voted to have a Committee of five men to manage the School affair the year Ensuing
By vote Chose Philm Stacy
Jos Whipple
Phinl Leland
John Thurston
& Amos Gale
} School Committee

Voted to allow the Swine to run at Large the Currant year
The Treasurers report read & accepted which is as followeth viz

Grafton March 7th 1780 We have Examined the State of the Treasurers and we find ordered in the last year £9200-0-0 and besides we find paid in £44-10- Which the Court has allowed to the Town for the Conveyance of Clothing to the Soldiers in march 1778 & £16-12- paid by the Collectors of highway rates & £15- paid by Abner Temple as a fine & £6-13-8- paid By Lt Jos Whipple as fine money the whole amounts to £9282-15-8 we find there hath been paid out £5064-6-4 & there remains in the Treasury £4218-9-4 Exclusive of highway arrearages

Errors Excepted

Andrew Adams
Silas Warren
Benja Goddard
Jos Marian
} Selectmen

Voted to allow £6-0-0 per day for man £3-0-0 per day for Oxen & £1-10-0 per day for a Cart to work at highways untill the first day of Sept. the Current year
Voted that worke done at highways after the above Term be half the Sum for man & Team
Voted that those Sqadrons who have not had their part of Schooling the year past Shall have their part of money to lay out for Schooling hereafter
By vote adjourn'd this meting to monday the 13th day of this instant March at one O Clock afternoon to y meetinghouse

Perley Batchellor Moderator

March 13th 1780 the Town met on adjornment & proceeded to Business
By vote the Town dismiss'd Benja Leland from the office of highway Surveyor & Collector of the highway rate & Chose Sam: Leland in his room
Proceeded to accept Town debts
accepted of a bill Brot in By Jos Perry for Schooling £204-0-0
accepted of a Bill Brought in by Amos Davis for Schooling 100
allowed Andrew Adams for minding the meetinghouse 4-0-0
accepted Capt Moses Harrington's Bill for Conveying a number of Sailers to Petborough 6-0-0
allowed Jon: Stows account for making rate &c 19-4-0
allowed Joseph Meriams Jr act for making rate 41-2-0
accepted of Dr Jos Woods act for making rate 38-8-0
accepted of Nath: Batchellors ac: for providing a Schooling 131-5-0
Accepted Thos Metcalfs account for taking Care of Hannah Pike 129
accepted Phebe Willards ac: for keeping a School & boarding 61-10-0
allowed Jos. Meriam Jr for keeping the Treasury y year past 15
allowed Capt Moses Harrington Perambulating 4-10
allowed Dinc Sherman for Perambulating 4-10
allowed Silas Warrin for Preambulating 4-10
allowed Benja Goddard for preambulating 4-10

The vote was put whether the Town will Reconsider the vote for hireing a Collector & it pass'd in y affirmative
Benja Hothwood Refus'd to Serve Select man & the Town by vote made Choice of Joseph Brine to Serve Select man in his room
The vote was put whether the Town will allow y present Constable any thing for their Extraordinary Charge in Collecting rate &c and it pass'd in the negative
By vote Chose Phinc Leland Constable for the South Side of y Town
The Town accepted of Nath: Batchellor to Serve Constable in the room of Phinehas Leland
By vote Chose Joseph Perry Junr to serve Constable for y North Side
Then By vote adjourn'd this meting to Tuesday the 21st day of this instant march at one of the Clock afternoon to y meetinghouse

Perley Batchellor Moderator

March 21 1780 the Town met according to adjournment & proceeded
1st By vote dismiss'd Lt. Phil.a Stacy from being one of the
School Committee and Chose Joseph Willard a Com.tee man in his room
Accepted Amos Davis. acct for boarding a School master £46.0.0
accepted of a bill Bro.t in by Benja Leland Jr. for boarding
a School master five weeks 46 —
accepted Joseph Perrys account for Boarding a Schoolmaster 101.0.0
~~Chose Town Clerk &c~~ Perley Batchellor moderator

To Nathanael Batchellor Constable for the Town of Grafton — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Government & People of the State of Massachusetts Bay forthwith to warn and notify all the votable Inhabitants on the South side of the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on thursday the Eleventh day of this instant May at 3 O'Clock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles Viz.t

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 To See if the Town will allow the last year Selectmen their money that they Expended in providing for the Continental Soldiers families from the first day of Jan.y 1780 to the first day of March following or act thereon as they shall then think proper
3 To accept Town Debt
4 To See if the Town will have their Town meetings warned the remainder of the year by Setting a Copy of s.d warrant or act thereon as they shall then think proper
5 For the Town to hear the report of the Comm.tee respecting a road between Mr John Sherman & Mr Joseph Brown and act thereon as they may then think proper
6 For the Town to make an additional Grant of money to repair highways or act thereon as they shall think proper
7 To See what the Town will have done respecting the family of Micajah Gay lately Brought into Town

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this first day of May A.D 1780

Jonathan Stow
Joel Brooks
Moses Holbrook
Elijah Brown
Joseph Brown
} Selectmen of Grafton

The return — — —

In obedience to this warrant I have warned all the votable inhabitants on the South side of the Town of Grafton to meet at time & place therein named
Grafton 10 may 1780
Nathanael Batchellor Constable

May 10th 1780 The Same warrant in form was Commo
to Joseph Perry Junr a Constable for Grafton to warn the
North part of said Grafton to meet at the Time & place aforesa

His return

In obedience to this warrant I have notified & warned all
the volable Inhabitants on the north side of Grafton to meet
at time & place as within mentioned

Grafton May 11th 1780 Joseph Perry Junr Constable

May 11th 1780 the Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning provided as
By vote Chose Capt Asth Sherman Moderator
accepted the Select mens account mentioned in the 2d article £105-4-0
voted the warning Town meting shall be managed as was last year
accepted the Report of the Comtee mentioned in the fifth article
which is as fallows viz. We the Subscribers a Committee Chosen by
the Town of Grafton to Correct & revise a road in dispute Betwe
Joseph Brown & John Sherman Betweet the Burying plaw &
Abner Temples Report that it is our opinion that accomodat
the Publick will be have the road Established where it is now
trod acording to the agreement of both parties viz. from a
white oak the East Side of the road over the Brook Beyon
the Burying plaw from thence to a white Birch marked
from thence to a Bunch of pines with Stones around it into
the old road said road to be three rods wide

Grafton May 11: 1780 Benja Goddard
Wm Brigham
Committee

By vote added £2000 to the last Grant for repairing high
ways for the year Ensuing Asth Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To the Constable of Grafton or either of them. Greeti
You are hereby required in the name of the Government &
People of the State of Massachusetts Bay forthwith to notify
and warn all the Male Polls of the age of Twenty one years
old & upwards to meet & assemble at the Town meting hou
in D. Grafton on monday the fifth day of this instant June at
eight of the Clock in the morning then & there to hear & Con-
sider a Petition of Benja Garfield & others & act thereon as
they shall think proper Purport of the petition is as follo
To Chuse a moderator for said meting
To Consider the New form of Government & act thereon as they
Shall think proper
Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your
doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of
Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this second
day of June A D 1780

Jona. Howe
Moses Holbrook
Elijah Drury
Joseph Bruce
} Select men
of Grafton

Turn over

Constable return —

Worcester ss In obedience to this Warrant I have notified & warned all the within named by Posting a Copy of this warrant at Both meeting houses

Grafton June 5th 1780 Joseph Perry Junr Constable

June 5th 1780 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and Proceeded as follows viz —

By vote Chose Jonn Wheeler Moderator for said meeting

Bill of Rights

art 1 approved by — 39

art 2 approved by — 30

Disapproved by — 31 Because we Conceive that our duty shall not be included with a declaration of rights wherefore let the Clause (as well as the duty be Erast.

~~By vote adjourn'd for one hour to the meting house~~

art 3 approved by 19

Disapproved by — 43 Because we Conceive the free Exercise of Religion is Restricted & that Some Clauses may be Construed to intrench materially our Rights & Conscience & upon the whole is very ambiguously & Equivocally Expressed

From 3d to 12th approved by — 39

By vote adjourn'd to the meting house for one hour Jonn Wheeler Moderator according to adjournment the Town met & proceeded viz

art 12th disapproved by 43 Because it is not mentioned said Juries Shall be Chosen as usual and that the number Shall be as hath been usual in this State

From 12th to 18th approved by 41

art 18 approved by 24

Disapproved by 29 Because we apprehend there may be an allusion in it to the 3d article & Confirming the same

art from 18th to 29 approved by 38 Disapproved by 3

art 29th approved by — 16 —

Disapproved by 27 Because we are for having the Judicial officers to be Chosen annually & their Salaries granted annually

art 30th Approved by — 37

Part the Second The frame of Government approved by 37

Chap. 1 Legislative Power Section the first the General Court

art 1 approved by 29 Disapproved by 16 Because we are for having but one house

art 2 approved by — 16

Disapproved by — 32 because we apprehend that the Governor hath part in Legislation Contrary to the 30th article in the Bill Rights

Then Voted to Send a new Deligate to the Convention the 1st Wednesday in June instant

By vote Chose Benja Garfield deligate for said Convention

art 3d approved by 14 disapproved by 8

By vote adjourn'd to the 6th of this instant June 12 O'Clock at noon to the meeting house Jonn Wheeler moderator

June 6th 1780 the Town met according to adjournment & proceeded viz

art 4th approved by 61 Disapproved by 2 being against paying Excise.

Chapter 1 Section 2. art 1 the Senate approved by 7 Disapproved by 10 apprehending there is 10 too many for the Council & Senate
2 approved by 9 Disapproved by 6 being against having more than one ho
3 approved by 11 Disapproved by 8
from the 3d art through to 9th approved by 11 Disapproved by for the reason of Being more than one house
Chap. 1 Section 3rd Representatives art 1st & 2nd approved by one Disapproved by 19 Being of opinion that the Largest Town in the State ought to send no more than 3 Representatives & none Less than one
art from 2d to 9th approved by 15 Disapproved by 5
art 9th approved by 8 Disapproved by 12 Being of opinion that 60 members is not Enough to Constitute a Quorum
art 10th approved by 18 Disapproved by 2 one objects the whole Book and the other because it doth not mention that no man ought to be assaulted as well as the members of the House
art 11th approved by 10 disapproved by because it mentions more than 2 branches
Chapter 2 Executive power Section 1 Governor
art 9th Disapproved by 24 because we apprehend that all Estates intestate ought to be Settled in the Town where such Estates lye
Chap. 6th page 47th objected by 22 because we are of opinion that all Justices ought to be Excluded a part in Legislation

Jona. Wheeler Moderator

Worcester ss To the Constables of Grafton or Either of them Greeting

You are required in the name of the Government & people of the State of Massachusetts Bay forthwith to notify & warn all the Votable inhabitants of the South Side of Grafton to meet at aforesaid at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on Wednesday the 14th day of this Instant June at one oClock in the afternoon then & there to act on the following articles viz
1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 for the Town to give sd Men now Called for or take any other way respecting said affair as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 12th day of June 1780

Jona Stow
Joel Brooks
Joseph Bruce
Select men of Grafton

return

In obedience to this warrant I have warned all the votable inhabitants on the South Side of Grafton to meet at time & place time in mentioned Grafton June 14 1780 Nath. Batchellor Constable

The same warrant in form & Substance was Committed to Jos Perry for warning the North Side of the Town also his return was the same in Substance

June 14th 1780 The Town of Grafton Pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz
By vote Chose Joseph Perry Jr Moderator for said meeting
after Reading the Court order for raising Soldiers the vote was put whether the Town will raise the men now called for at their own Expence & it pass'd in the affirmative

June 1780 (24)

Voted to have a Committee of Seven men to hire the men now ordered to be raised
By vote Chose Joseph Merriam
Samᵘˡ Flagg
John Watson
Simon Bruce
Samᵘˡ Warren
Dʳ Jos. Wood
& John Whipple
for said Committee

Voted that the Town instruct the Committee to hire the men as reasonable as they Can & that they be impowered to draw such Sum or Sums of money out of the Treasury as they need or raise it some other way on the Credit of the Town to pay the hire of the Soldiers & that said Committee be impowered to agree with the men they hire for produce when money will not answer
By vote adjournd to the 21ˢᵗ day of this instant June at 4 OClock afternoon to the meetinghouse Joseph Perry Junʳ Modʳ

June 21 1780 The Town met according to adjournment
By vote the Town impowered the Treasurer to Give his note or notes for Such Sum or Sums of money or produce as will be needed to raise the Soldiers now called for
By vote adjourned to ye 23 day of this instant June at 5 OClock after noon to the meeting house Joseph Perry Jʳ Moderator

according to adjournment the Town met & proceed viz
Voted to add two to the above Committee for hiring Soldiers
By vote Chose Capᵗ Joseph Warren & Capᵗ Ephᵐ Lyon in addition to said Com.ᵗᵉᵉ
By vote adjournd to the 26ᵗʰ of this instant June at one of the Clock afternoon to the meetinghouse Joˢ Perry Junʳ Moderator

On adjournment the Town met & adjournd to monday the 3ʳᵈ day of July at of the Clock afternoon to the meeting house
Joseph Perry Jun. Moderator

Worcˢʳ ss To Joseph Perry Jʳ Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

This is to will & Require you in the name of the Government and People of the State of Massachusetts-Bay forthwith to Notify & warn all the Voteable Inhabitants on the north side of the Town of Grafton to meet & assembl at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on Saturday the first day of July next at 12 OClock at noon then & there to act as follows viz
1 To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
2 For the Town to hire the Soldiers now Called for if they Shall See Cause or take any other Method to procure Soldiers as they shall think proper

Here of fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

July 1780 (25)

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Twenty nineth day of June 1780

Jon.a Stow
Joseph Bruce } Select men
Joel Brooks of Grafton

His return viz.

Worc.r ss In obedience to this warrant I have notified and warned all the within mentioned to meet at time & place

Grafton 30th June 1780 Joseph Perry Junr. Constable

The same warrant in form was Committed to Nath.l Batchellor a Constable for Grafton to warn the South part of s.d Grafton to meet at the aforesd time & place

His return

Worc.r ss In obedience to y.e within warrant to me directed I have warned all the Votable Inhabitants on the South side of the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Towns meeting house in s.d Grafton on Saturday the first day of July next at 12 oClock at noon

Grafton June 30th 1780 Nath.l Batchellor Constable

July 1st 1780 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as followeth viz.

By vote Chose Perley Batchellor moderator for s.d meeting

By vote adjourn.d to some Convenient place on the Common according to adjournment the Town met Perley Batchellor mod.r

By vote Dismis.d the Committee Chosen of Late for hiring men into the Continental army

Voted to have another Committee of 3 men to hire the three men now wanted for the Continental army

By vote Chose Capt Luke Drury
Henry Prentice } for.d
& Tho.s Bicknell } Com.tee

Voted that the above Committee be impowered to hire the men as Cheap as they can with money or produce

By vote impowered the Treasurer to Give his note or notes for Such Sum or Sums of money or produce as will be needed for haising men now wanted in y.e Continental army

Voted to raise the militia now Called for at the Expence of the Town

Voted to have a Committee of five men to hire the men now ordered to be raisd in the militia

By vote Chose Tim.o Sherman
Perley Batchellor
Abner Stow Jr.
Amos Gale
& Ephm Sherman } for said Committee

By vote the Town added the two Captains to the above Committee

Voted that the Com.tee be impowered to hire the men as aforesd as they can with money or produce

By vote impowered the Treasurer to Give his note or notes for such Sum or Sums of money or produce as will be needed for hiring s.d men

By vote adjourned to Mr. Browns door on the Common at 6 oClock afternoon according to adjournment the Town met & adjourn.d to the 3.d day of July instant at 6 oClock afternoon to y.e meeting house Perley Batchellor Mod.r

According to adjournment the Town met & By vote added the Militia Com.tee

By vote adjourned Wednesday next at 6 oClock afternoon to y.e meeting house Perley Batchellor Mod.r

July 5th 1780 the Town met according to adjournment & adjourned to Eight of the Clock at the meeting house Perley Batchellor

July 1780

Worcester ss To the Constables of the Town of Grafton or Either of them Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government & People of the State of Massachusetts Bay forthwith to Notify & warn all the Volable inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Town meetinghouse in s Grafton on monday the third day of July next at 2 oClock afternoon then & there to act on the following artides viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for s meeting

2 for the Town to Come into Some method for the Revd Mr Dana Governors Support by Granting additional Sum of money to his Salary or Some other way as they Shall think proper

3 for the town to hear a Request of Benja Robbins for Doctoring Daniel Drury viz for two weeks Boarding & for two Bushels of Corn & Seventy Dollars of money & act thereon as they Shall think proper

4 To Call Ephm Wheeler to an account for Cutting wood on the School lott or act thereon as they Shall think proper

5 To Chuse one or more persons to inspect the School lott and also the Common round the meeting house or act thereon as they Shall think proper

6 To See if the Town will abate the rate assessd on Capt Joseph Wood of Hopkinton for Son William for the last year or any one of the assessments or whether they will defend him against the Claims of Hopkinton as he is assessed there

7 For the Town to grant a Sum of money to defray Town Charges and to hire Soldiers with or act thereon as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Sixteenth day of June A D 1780

Jona Stow
Joel Brooks
Elijah Drury
Joseph Bruce
} Selectmen of Grafton

His return

Worcs ss in obedience to the within named warrant I have warned all the voters inhabitants of Grafton to assemble & met at the Town meetinghouse in said Grafton on the 3d day of July next at 2 oClock afternoon by Posting a Copy of the within named warrant at both meetinghouses in said Grafton Grafton June 19th 1780 Attest Batchellor Conf

July 3. 1780 the town of Grafton met pursuant to warning proceeded as follows viz

1. By vote Chose Deacn Joseph Batchellor Moderator

By vote adjournd to the forepart of Joseph Browns house on y Com
The Town met according to adjournment Jos Batchellor Modr

2 Voted to have a Committee of 3 men to treat with the Revd Mr Governor Respecting an addition to his Salary

By vote Chose Mr Andrew Adams
Lieut Jona Stow
& Lieut Jos. Bruce
} for s Com.te

July 7. 80

voted to wave the second article for the present

art 3d Granted viz allowed Benja Robbins account & Request for Expence in Doctoring Daniel Drury's account by vote made payable to Elisha Brigham Sum total £63-0-0

art 4 Voted to Leave the affair respecting Eph'm Wheelers Cutting wood on the School Lot to the Select men to Settle & Report to the Town at some future meting

art 5 voted to Chuse a Committee of 3 to inspect the School Lot & Comm round the meting house By vote Chose Capt Luke Drury Dr Joseph Wood & Comm Derby Batchellor

art 6th By vote abated the first rate assess'd on Capt Joseph Wood for his Son William in the hands of Eph'm Wadsworth Late Constable

The vote was put whether the Town will abate any more of Capt Woods rate for his Son William in the hands of Ebenr Wadsworth Late Constable and it pass'd in the negative

art 7 By a vote Granted £10000 for defraying Town Charges & for hireing Soldiers into the war

By vote adjourn'd this meeting to the first monday in Sept next at one of the Clock afternoon to the meeting house Jos. Batchellor Mod'r

Sept. 4th 1780 The Town met according to adjournment & proceeded

art 2 Put to vote whether the town will make good Revd Mr Grosvenors Salary from october 1779 to october 1780 pass'd in the affirmative

Voted to have a Comtee of 3 men to treat with Mr Grosvenor respecting his Salary from October 1778 to Octr 1779

By vote Chose Deacn Joseph Meriam Silas Warrin & David Forbush Com

Then voted to make Mr Grosvenors Salary which hath been voted as above to be Equal to Silver money

Voted that the above Committe report to the Town of their doings at the adjournment of this meting

By vote adjourn'd this meeting to monday next at one of the Clock afternoon to the meeting house Joseph Batchellor Moderator

Sept 11 1780 according to adjournment the town met & proceeded Put to vote whether the Town will Grant Revd Mr Grosvenors Salary from october 1778 to october 1779 to be paid Equal to Silver pass'd in the affirmative

voted to Chuse a Committe of 3 men to Estimate the Sums granted to Mr Grosvenor as above By vote Chose Capt Moses Harrington Capt Joseph Warrin & Derby Batchellor for said Committe

By vote adjourned for one hour to hear the report of said Committe Joseph Batchellor Moderator

According to adjournment the town met

The above Committe Reported that the Sums Granted by the Town to pay Mr Grosvenors Salary Equal to Silver as above be Estimated at Sixty Continental Dollars in paper for one in Silver to be paid at that day in paper or Silver as Suits the Inhabitants best

and it was voted by the Town Joseph Batchellor Moderator

Sept. 1780

Worc.ss To the Constables of the Town of Grafton or either of them Greeting

This is to will & Require you forthwith to notify & warn all the Votable Inhabitants of of the Town of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Towns meting house in said Grafton on monday the fourth day of Sept.r next at 4 Oclock afternoon & then and there to act as followeth viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meting

2 To hear the report of the Several Committies Lately Chosen to hire Soldiers and act on s.d report as they Shall then think proper

3 For the Town to grant a Sum of money to pay for the purchase of those Horses that Select men purchased for the use of the Continental Service or act thereon as they Shall think proper

4 For the Town to abate the rate assess.d on Eben.r Melendy in the hand of Eben.r Wadsworth Late Constable or act thereon as they Shall think proper

5 For the Town to abate the rate assess.d on M.r John Wood poll in the hands of Bath.a Batchellor present Constable or act thereon as they Shall think proper

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of Meting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 21.st day of August A.D 1780

Jon.a Stow
Joel Brooks
Moses Holbrook
Joseph Byrne
Elijah Bruce
} Select men of Grafton

Worc.ss In obedience to the within warrant I have notified all the within named persons to meet at the time & place within mentioned

Grafton Sept.r 4th 1780 Bath.a Batchellor Constable

September 4th 1780 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Jonathan Stow Moderator

Then by vote adjourned this meting to monday the 11th day of Sept. instant at 2 of the Clock afternoon to the meting house

Jon.a Stow Moderator

according to adjournment the Town met proceeded to buisness

art 2. accepted the reports of the several Committees mentioned in said article in y.e warrant — s.d reports Recorded page 46th

£52-16-0

Then voted to have a Committe of three men to procure with the Interest in hard money to pay a Committe mentioned in their report refered to in the Second article

By vote Chose Thomas Bicknell Capt Joseph Warrin and Abner Stow Jr.a for said Committe

By vote the Town ordered the above Committe to draw what money can be Spared out of the Treasury to help purchase the hard money to answer the demands above mentioned

Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to procure the Corn Engaged by the Committies as above mentioned to the Soldiers the Summer past By vote Chose Dr Joseph Wood Eliezer Leland & Moses Sherman for said Committee

Sept. 1780

By vote the Town Granted £2700 to pay the purchase of three Horses for the Continental army

By vote abated Ebenr. Hellen's rate in the hands of Ebenr. Wadsworth Late Constable

By vote abated Mr John Woods rate on his poll in the hands of Nathl. Batchellor present Constable

Jonathan Stow Moderator

Worcester ss To the Constables of the Town of Grafton or either of them Greeting

You are hereby requiired in the name of the Government & People of the State of Massachusetts Bay forthwith to notify & warn all the male Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton of Twenty one years of age and upwards having a freehold Estate within the Town of Grafton of the anual income of three pounds or any other Estate of Sixty pounds to meet & assemble at the Towns meeting house in s.d Grafton on monday the fourth day of Sept. next at one o'clock afternoon then & there to act on the following artickles viz.

1 To Elect a Governer

2 To Elect & Chuse a Lieut. Governer or act thereon as they shall see cause

3 To Elect & Chuse Councillers & Senators if they shall see cause agreable to the new form of Government & agreeable to the Resolve of Convention Bearing date June 16th 1780

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the Hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this twenty first day of August A.D. 1780

Jon.a Stow
Joel Brooks
Moses Holbrook
Joseph Bruce
Elijah Brooks
Selectmen

Return

Worcs ss In obedience to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the within named persons to meet at the time & place within mentioned

Grafton Sept 4th 1780 Nt. Batchellor Constable

Sept 4th 1780 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

Twelve votes Carried in for John Hancock Esqr. for a Governer and one vote for Jabez Fisher Esqr. Governer

Then the vote was put whether the Town will dispose the meeting & it pass'd in the affirmation

attest Benja Goddard T. Clerk

Sept & October

Worcs ss To the Constables of the Town of Grafton or either of them,

This is to will and Require you in the name of the Government and People of the State of Massachusetts Bay forthwith to notify & warn all the voteable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the Second day of October next at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & there to act on the following articles

1st To Chuse a moderater for said meeting

2d To grant money to purchase Corn and hard money to pay the Soldiers now in the Service or act thereon as they shall think proper

3d To grant money to defray Town Charges or act thereon as they shall think proper

4 To Grant money for the Repair of highways in the year 1780 or act thereon as they shall think proper

5 To grant money to pay for Mr Aaron Hutchinsons supplying the pulpit last year or act thereon as they shall think proper

6th For the Town to determine who shall be Exempted from being taxed to Revd Mr Daniel Grosvenors Salary or act thereon as they shall think proper

7th To accept Town debts

8th For the Town to Raise the wages for working at highways or act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 18th day of Sept A D 1780

Jonathan Stow
Joel Brooks
Moses Holbrook
Elijah Drury
Joseph Bruce
} Select men of Grafton

Worcs ss Return

In obedience to this warrant I have notified & warned all the within named to meet at time & place

Grafton Sept 30th 1780 Joseph Dorry Junr Constable

October 2: 1780 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and Proceded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator

Voted to Drop the 4th article

5th By vote granted £290 to pay Mr Aaron Hutchinson for Supplying the pulpit

By vote adjourned for half an hour to the meetinghouse

Perley Batchellor Moderator

on adjournment the Town met and Proceded

6 after paping several votes on the Sixth article the votes were all Reconsidered and the Article

art 8th Voted to raise the wages (36) for work at highways for man and Team Equal to what it was last Summer in the 15th of October instant

By vote adjourn'd to the 16th of this instant October at 2 oClock afternoon to the meetinghouse Perley Batchellor Moderator

October 16th 1780 the Town met according to adjournment & proceeded viz art 2d By vote granted £ 25600 to procure Corn & hard money to pay the hire of the Soldiers for the year past mentioned in the 2d artile

3rd art By vote granted £ 6000 to pay Common Town Charges

By vote adjourn'd this meeting to monday the 23d day of this instant October at one of the Clock afternoon to the meetinghouse Perley Batchellor Mod to

Oct 23: 1780 the Town met on adjournment & adjourn'd to on to the Common before Joseph Browns House Perley Batchellor Mod on adjournment the Town met & proceed viz

on the 8th artile voted to Continue the wage for highway work for man & team Equal to what it was Last Summer until the last of October instant

By vote adjourn'd this meeting to one fortnight from this day at one of the Clock afternoon to the meetinghouse Perley Batchellor Moderator

Nov. 6th 1780 The town met according to adjournment & proceed to aupt Town debts

By vote aupted of a bill brot in by Joseph Bruce taking the Continental Horse to Leicester & £ 31-16-0

Then the meeting was dissolv'd by a vote Perley Batchellor Mo

Worcs. ss To the Constables of Grafton or Either of them Greeting

This is to will and require you in the name of the Government and People of the State of Massachusetts Bay forthwith to notify & warn all the Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the 23d day of this instant October at three of the Clock afternoon then & there to act on y following artiles

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To hear and Consider a resolve of the General Court which past in the assembly on the 25th of the sept last for the purpose of procuring Beef Hide and Tallow for the Supply of the Continental army and act on s resolve as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting given under our hands & seal at Grafton Jona Stow } Selectmen
this 19th day of October A D 1780 Joel Brooks } of Grafton
Moses Walbrook }
Elijah Ivory }

Turn over

Thereon
Worcester in obedience to y within warrant I have notified & warned all the ~~[illegible]~~ within named persons to meet at time and place within mentioned
Grafton October 23rd 1780 Nath.l Batchellor Constable

October 23rd 1780 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz
By vote Chose Abner Stow Junr Moderator
Voted to procure the Beef ordered by the General Court for this Town to raise
Then voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to procure the beef sent for as above By vote Chose Capt Luke Drury Capt Joseph Warren & John Thurston for said Committee
By vote granted £10000 to purchase the Beef called for as above
By vote adjourned this meeting to the sixth day of Novr next at the meetinghouse at 2 o Clock afternoon Abner Stow Jr Mod.r
Novr 6th 1780 The Town met according to adjournment &
By vote ordered the Town Treasurer to hire the money granted to buy the Beef as above to supply the Committee Chosen to procure the Beef for the army
By vote adjourned to thursday the 16th day of Novr instant at 2 of the Clock afternoon to the meetinghouse Abner Stow Jr Mod.r
Novr 16th 1780 The Town met according to adjournment and adjourned to Thursday the 23d day of this instant November at Two of the Clock afternoon to ye meetinghouse Abner Stow Jr Mod.r

Worcs.s To the Constables of the Town of Grafton or either of them Greeting
This is to will & Require you in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to Notify and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants Voters of the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Town Meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the Twenty fifth day of Decr instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & there to act as follows
1 To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
2 To hear and Consider a Resolve of the General Court bearing date Decr 2 1780 for the purpose of raising a Credit and act thereon as they shall think proper
3 To hear and Consider a Resolve of the General Court bearing date Decr 4th 1780 for the purpose of providing beef or money for the use of the Continental army

4 To hear a Report of the Committee Chosen of late for to procure
beef and act on said Report as they shall think for the prop
5 To hear the Report of the Committee Lately Chosen to inspect
the Common & the School-lot and act on S^d Report as they shall think propp
6 To accept Town Debts
7 For the Town to impower the Committee Chosen to inspect the
Common to survey the Common Round the meeting-house
or act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your
doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour
of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton the Eighteenth
day of Decem^br A D 1780

Jon^a Stow
Joel Brooks
Moses Holbrook
Joseph Pierce
} Selectmen of Grafton

The Return

In obedience to this warrant I have warned all the within named
by Posting a Copy of this warrant at Both meetinghouse
Grafton Dec^r 20^th 1780 Joseph Perry Jun^r Constable

Dec^r 26^th 1780 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning
4 1 By vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator
2 After Reading the Court act for Raising Soldiers the vote was
put whether the Town will proceed to raise 8 Soldiers and it
past in the affirmative
Voted to have a Committee of five men to Raise the Soldiers
now Called for By vote Chose Capt Luke Drury
Tho^s Bicknell
~~Jr Joseph Woo~~
Henry Burton
& Elen^r Leland
} for Com^te

By vote adjourn^d to the 27^th of this instant Dec^r at 12 o'Clock
at noon to the meeting house Perley Batchellor Moder^r

Dec^r 27^th 1780 The Town met according to adjournment
By vote adjourn^d to Landlord Bicknells immediately
Perley Batchellor Mod^r

According to adjournment the Town met and
Voted to add four more to the above Committe for raising Soldiers
By vote Chose Capt Eph^m Lyon Capt Joseph Perrin Perley Batchellor
& Jim^a Sherman in addition to said Com^te
By vote Chose Abner Stow Jun^r a Committee man in y^e room of
Jr Joseph Woo
Voted that the Town will make the above Committe some
Reasonable pay for their service after they have done the
service they were Chosen for
By vote granted £40 000 to raise the Soldiers now Called for
Voted to leave it with the above Comm^te to agree with the Soldiers
they shall hire as they can for money or produce

By vote ordered the Town Treasurer to Give his note or notes for such Sum or Sums of money or produce of any kind as is Required by the Committee to hire Soldiers

By vote ordered the Treasurer to Give his note or notes for such Sum or Sums of hard money as may be Required of by the Committee

3d By vote Granted £20 000 to purchase the Beef Called for by authority

Voted to have a Committee of three men to purchase the Beef for the army By vote Chose Joseph Brown } for said
Amor Gale
Lt James Whipple } Committee

as 4th Excepted of said report which is as follows viz

Grafton Decr 25th 1780

The Committee for purchasing Beef Report that they have procured for the Town of Grafton Five Thousand Five hundred and Sixty weight of Beef in full for their Quantity which is agreable to a Resolve of the General Court Assembled the 29th of Sept Last and have taken Receipts for the same in full from Joseph Baker Esqr Agent the whole amount of the Beef & Interest Excepted is £9670-5-0

The Town of Grafton Debtor to the Committee for the above Sum Errors Excepted
Luke Drury
Joseph Harris } Committee for purchasing Beef for Grafton
John Thurston

5th By vote impowered the Committee Chosen to inspect the Common to Survey said Common & Stand the Bounds

Derby Batchiller Moderator

Worcester ss To Either of the Constables of Grafton Greeting

This is to will & Require you in the name of the Common-Wealth of Massachusetts forth with to notify all the Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet Assembled at the Towns meetinghouse in said Grafton on Tuesday the 16th day of this instant Jan'y at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following artikls viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To Hire two men to serve as a Guard at Rutland for four months or act Respecting procuring said men as they shall then think proppper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this thirteenth day of Jan'y A D 1781

Jon'a Tho's
Joel Brooks
Elijah Drury } Select men of Grafton

Return

Worcs ss In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the within named persons to meet at the time & place within mentioned Grafton Jan.y 16th 1781 Nath.l Batchellor Const.e

Jan.y 16th 1781 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as fallows viz

1 By vote Chose John Sherman Moderator

2 Voted to leave it with the Two Captains to Call their Companies together in order to raise the two men now Called for

Then voted to have a Committee of three men to agree with them now ordered to be Raised as above

By vote Chose Ltt Joseph Whipple Shel.a Stow & Cyrus French for said Committe

By vote ordered the Treasurer to give his note or notes for Such Sum or Sums of money as shall be Called for by said Com.tee for the hire of said Soldiers

By vote adjourned this meeting to monday the 22 of Jan.y instant at three of the Clock afternoon to the meetinghouse

John Sherman Moderator

viz

Jan.y 22: 1781 The town met according to adjournment & proceeded The Com.tee for hiring Soldiers to serve at the Barracks at Rutland Report that they have Inlisted James Miller and agreed to give him Sixteen Dollars of the new Emition or Sixteen Bushels of Indian Corn also they have Inlisted Sam.l Warrin Jr. and agreed to give him Sixteen Dollars of the New Emition John Sherman Moderator

Worc.r ss To the Constables of the Town of Grafton or Either of them Greeting

This is to will & Require you in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Town meetinghouse in said Grafton on Wednesday the Seventh day of February next at one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meting

2 For the Town to Grant money to pay for the repairing the meetinghouse so far as it is done or act thereon as they shall think proper

3 To Grant money to Compleat the Repair of said house or procure money some other way as the Town shall think proper

4 For the Town to sell the old Glass and some old Stuff that was taken out of the meetinghouse and point out what way they will Sell said Glass & Stuff or act thereon as they shall think proper

5 For the Town to take into Consideration the affair Respecting who shall be Exempted from the minuter tax or act on said affair as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this twenty fourth day of January A.D. 1781

Jon.a Thom.s } Select men
Jon.a Brooks }
Maj.r Holbrook } of Grafton
Elijah Drury }
Jon.a Brue }

Joseph Perry Constable

Grafton Feb.y 7.th 1781 Then I have warned all the within named Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at the time and place within mentioned by reading a Copy of this warrant at both meeting houses

Joseph Perry

February 7.th 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chos.r Dea.n Joseph Batchellor Moderator

2 By vote granted £20 000 to pay for repairing the meeting-house so far as it is done and to finish the out side of s.d house

Voted the Committee Chosen for Repairing the meeting house go on & finish said house as soon as Conveniently they Can

4 Voted that the Committee for repairing the meeting house be impowered and ordered to dispose of the Glass & Stuff belonging to said meeting house in the best manner they Can

5.th Voted to Excempt all those from the minister-tax who have been Excempted heretofore and all others who have signed to help Support M.r Ellis Joseph Batchellor

Worc.r ss To the Constables of the Town of Grafton or Either of them-Greeting

This is to will & Require you in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Towns meeting house in said Grafton on monday the fifth day of march next at Eight O Clock in the morning then and there to act on the following artides viz

1 To Choose a moderator for said meeting

2.d To Chuse Town officers for the Currant year

3.d To accept Town debts

4.th For the Town to order how to provide for Schooling the Currant year

5.th To see if the Town will Suffer the Swine to run at Large the Currant year

6.th To hear and Consider the report of the Town treasurer

7.th To Grant money for the repair of highways the Currant year

8 To see what the Town will allow a day for man and pair for oxen & Cart for work at highways the Currant year

9.th For the Town to allow those Squadrons who have not had their part of Schooling the year past to draw their part of money to lay out for Schooling hereafter if they Shall See Cause

10 To accept of a highway laid out from the road that leads from Grafton to Westborough by James Harringtons from said road by James Harringtons house to Seth Millers house or act thereon as they shall think proper

11 To abate the rate assess'd on the of Solo Stow in the hands of Joseph Perry Jr Late Constable

12 To abate the rate assess'd on Thos Larned of Medford for his son Thos Poll in the hands of Nathl Ward Late Constable or act thereon as they shall think proper

13 To abate the Silver rate assess'd on Henderson Walkups poll in the hands of Nathl Batchellor Late Constable

14th To accept of a List of men Selected out for the Jury of

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this nineteenth day of February A.D. 1781

Joel Brooks, Moses Holbrook, Elijah Drury } Selectmen of Grafton

Worcs. ss In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the Votable inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet at time and place within named

Grafton march 5th 1781 Nathl Batchellor Constable

March 5th 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Perley Batchelor Moderator

2ard Voted to have five Selectmen ~~their~~

By vote Chose Perley Batchellor
By vote Chose Elisha Brigham
By vote Chose John Whipple
By vote Chose Thos Leland
By vote Chose Andrew Adams Jr } Selectmen

By vote Chose Joseph Meriam Jr Town Treasurer

By vote Chose Benja Goddard Town Clerk Sworn

Voted to have 3 men for a Committee of Correspond &c

By vote Chose Nathl Sherman
Nathl Ward
& Simon Brown } Committee

By vote adjournd for one hour to the meetinghouse

Perley Batchellor Moderator

according to adjournment the Town met & proceeded to Business

Voted to have 3 assessors

By vote Chose John Thurston
By vote Chose Jos Meriam Jr
By vote Chose Nathl Ward } assessors

Voted to have 2 Constables & no more for present year

By vote Chose Jona Wheeler
By vote Chose Timo Meriam } Constables

Voted to Chuse three Tythingmen

Voted to Chuse the rest of the officers by hand vote

By vote Chose Elijah Brown Timo Sherman and Benja Garfield Tythingmen

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Voted to have 7 men for Surveyors of Highway and Collectors of Highway rates for the year Enfuing

By vote Chose Benja Lathe
By vote Chose Peter Richardson
By vote Chose Lt James Whipple
By vote Chose Hahum Stone
By vote Chose Dr Joseph Wood
By vote Chose James Wheler
By vote Chose Amos Davis

Surveyors & Collectors of Highway rates

Voted to have nine hogreives
By vote Chose Cyrus French
Thos Leland Paul Warfield
Jona Hall Simon Watt 2d
James Putnam Nath Ll
Whitny Levi Leland
& John Clayton Hogreives
the present year

Voted to have three fence viewers for the present year
By vote Chose Timo Sherman
Capt Joseph Warren
Capt Luke Drury
fence viewers

Voted to have three field drivers for this year
By vote Chose Wm Holbrook
Joseph Brown
& David Stow
field drivers

By vote Chose Joseph Whipple Sealer of Leather
Voted to have one Sealer of Lumber
By vote Chose Colo Jno Goulding Sealer of Lumber
Voted to have one fireward
By vote Chose Ebenezer Cutler fireward

4th Voted to Chuse a Committee to manage the School affair for the Currant year of five men
By vote Chose Capt Joseph Warren
Hoah Bo Kimball
Benja Garfield
Colo John Goulding
& Lt Moses Hayden
for Dt Comtee

and 5th Voted to have the Swine run at Large the Currant year
By vote adjornd to Tuesday the 6th of this instant March at one of the Clock in the afternoon to the meeting house
Per Jay Batchellor Moderator

March 6th 1781 The Town of Groton met according to adjournment and proceeded as follows
and 6th accepted of the report of the Treasurer of Said Town
Which is as follows viz
Groton Dec 26th 1781 Then Examined the State of the Treasury and find £114232 has been ordered in and £110-6 paid by Andrew Adams £45 by Epht Wheler £22-1 by the Surveyors & £85 which was mistook in the cast Reckoning & £69-8 which was paid in by Timo Sherman one of the Committee which together with what was found in the Treasury the last year is — £118782-4-4
We find paid out for notes & orders — 27237-6-3
and there remains in the Treasury — 91544-18-1

Joseph Moriam Jr Town Treasurer

Jona Stow
Moses Holbrook
Jos Brown
Select men of Groton

art 7th By vote Granted £6000 to repair highways this Currant year
art 8th Voted to allow £15 per day for a man to work at highway
also £7-10- for oxen pr day & £3-15 pr day for Cart until
the first day of September next
art 3 proceeded to accept town debts

Accepted of Phinh Leland acct for Schooling & Boarding a Schoolmaster five weeks & 3 days at £150 per month for Schooling & Boarding £18 pr week } £309-0-0

accepted of Amos Gale acct for Boarding a Schoolmaster five weeks at £30 per week & for Boarding a Schoolmaster 5 Term at £18 per week } £240-0-0

Accepted the Committees account for providing beef for the Town to be sent to the army Signed by Joseph Brown Amos Gale & James Whipple said beef was purchased of Colo Gooding & others Sum Total } £875-

accepted of Joseph Whipple acct for providing a Schoolmaster & Boarding Eleven weeks Total £671-18-

accepted Nathl Batchellors Bill for Carrying Micajah Fay and family to Southborough £30 & for Carrying Mary Pratt & Child to Westborough £24 Sum total £54-0-

accepted of Jos Perry Jr Bill for Carrying Micajah Fay & family to Southbor £35 also accepted of Perrys acct for Carrying Reuben Hoyt & family to Shrewsbury £18 Sum total £53-

The Town accept of the Selectmens acct for Boarding Hannah Philips £156-0-0

accepted of Thos Axtells acct for Boarding Hannah Philips £40-0-0

accepted Dr Barlings acct for Doctoring Hannah Philips £20-

Accepted Joel Brooks 2d acct for time spent in preambalating the Road £6-10-

allowed Elijah Brucer acct for taking care of ye Meeting House £21-

allowed Jos Brucer acct for three days for procuring Beef for the Town £45-0-0

accepted of Thos Bicknells account for taking a General Valuation & making rates the year past £312-0-0

accepted of Benja Goddards Bill for taking a General valuation & making rates &c Sum Total £288-0-0

accepted of Jos Perry Jr acct for Carrying Hannah Johnson & Children to Upton £30-

accepted of Wm Brigham acct for taking a General Valuation & making rates &c the year past £224-0-0

accepted of Jona Stows acct for Running the line Betwixt the Town of Upton & Grafton £6-10-0

Accepted of John Thurstons acct for providing a Schools 5 weeks and Boarding the Same there Sum Total £290-0-0

art 9th Voted to allow those Squadrons which have not had their part of Schooling the year past to draw their part of money to lay out for Schooling hereafter

art 11 By vote abated the rates assessed on Solo Stows poll in the hand of Joseph Perry Jr Late Constable

March 1781

12 By vote abated the rate assess'd on Thos Learned of Medford for his Son Thomas's poll tax in the hand of Nathll Ward Late Constable

13 By vote abated the rate assess'd on the poll of Henderson Walkup in the hand of Nathll Batchelor Late Constable

By vote adjourn'd this meeting to Tuesday the 20th day of this instant March at one of the Clock afternoon to the meeting house

Perley Batchellor Moderator

March 20th 1781. The Town met according to adjornment and proceeded as follows viz

1st A Highway Laid out by the Subscribers as follows viz

Beginning at a post with a heap of Stones at the Botton of it at the road that leads from Grafton to Westborough near Mr James Harringtons house from thence to a heap of stones against Mr Harrington house from thence to the corner of Mr Seth Millers Wall from thence as the wall now stands to a heap of Stones near Mr Seth Millers house Said highway to be two rods wide Northerly from the bounds now mentioned to which we offer to the Town for their acceptance

2d The land of Said road is Given to the Town about 39 rods of fence to be made on the East of the Town

Jona Stow } Select men
Joel Brooks } of Grafton
Elijah Drury

Grafton Nov. 25th 1780

The above Report Read & acepted by the Town

By vote acepted of Daniel Warrin to Serve Constable the year Ensuing in the room of Timothy Merriam for the Southside John Thurston Refus'd to Serve as Sesor & the Town made Choice of

Voted to have a Collector of Ministerial Taxes on the north side of the Town

By vote Chose Nathll Grover Collector of Said ministerial Taxes

By vote adjourn'd to Tuesday the [illegible] of this instant March at one Clock afternoon to the meeting house

Perley Batchellor Moderator

Proceeded to accept Town Debts

By vote acepted of Joseph Willards Bill for providing a School nine weeks for a Master & Boarding Total £22-0-0

Accepted of Joseph Brucs bill for keeping Micajah Hays wife & two Children four weeks & third day 36-0-0

Accepted of Jona Stows bill for keeping Said Hays family five weeks 5-4-0

Accepted of a bill Brot in by Joel Brooks & Elijah Drury for keeping Reuben Hoit four weeks 24-0-0

Accepted of John Thurston bill for Schooling five weeks at £2 16s per week & Boarding £18 per week for Said Hoit 35-4-0-0

Accepted of Mr Holbrooks bill for keeping Micah Hays 18-2-0

By vote adjourn.d to Sunday the 27th of this instant March at one of the Clock afternoon to the meeting house Perley Batchellor Mod.r

March 27 1781 The Town met according to adjournment & By vote Chose Timothy Sherman assessor in the room of John Thurston

By vote adjourn.d this meeting monday the Second day of April next at one o Clock afternoon to the meeting ho.se

April 2.d 1781 The Town met according to adjournment & Perley Batchellor Moderator
The Town by vote Chose Joseph Whipple assessor in room of Tim.y Sherman who Refus.d to serve
By vote Chose Jon.a Tyler assessor in the room of Nath.l Ward
By vote allow.d Col.o Gouldings Bill for money paid Mr. Hutchinson for procuring £ 120-0-0
allow.d Phin.s Lelands act. for collecting 232-0-0

Perley Batchellor Mod.r

Worcester ss To Mr. Joseph Perry Constable

You are hereby Required in the name of the People of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to warn all the Notable inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on Tuesday the Twentieth day of March instant three O Clock afternoon then & there to act on y.e following artitles Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
2 To hear the report of a Committe Chosen to hire Continental Soldiers for three years or during the war
3 To see if the Town will Chuse the inhabitants to procure the Remainder of the Continental Soldiers or any other way as they shall think propper
4 For the Town to abate the rate assess.d on Joseph Bellows in the hands of Joseph Perry Late Constable
5 To see if the Town will abate the rate assess.d on Wm. Gross in the hands of Joseph Perry Late Constable
6 For the Town to abate the rate assess.d on Sol.o Darnell in the hands of Joseph Perry Late Constable
7.th To accept Town debts
8 To hear a Letter from the Late Convention held at Worcester and act thereon as they shall think propper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Sixteenth day of March A.D 1781

Perley Batchellor
Elisha Brigham
John Whipple
Phin.s Leland
Andrew Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton

Return

Worc.s In obedience to this warrant I have warned the within named to meet at time & place

Grafton March 19.th 1781 Joseph Perry Constable

March 20th 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator

2 The Committee for hiring Soldiers Reported that they have hired five men for said Service

By vote adjourn'd to Tuesday the 27th of this instant march at 2 O Clock afternoon to the meeting house Perley Batchellor Mod'r

March 27th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment and Proceeded as follows viz

art 4th Put to vote whether the Town will abate the rates abess'd on Joseph Bellow in the hands of Joseph Perry Esq'r Late Constable and it pass'd in the Negative

art 5th Put to vote whether the Town will abate the rates abess'd on Wm Goodell in the hands of Joseph Perry Esq'r Late Constable and it pass'd in the Negative

art 6 The vote was put whether the will abate the rates abess'd on Solomon Divinell in the hands of Joseph Perry Esq'r Late Constable & it pass'd in the Affirmative

7 The Town voted that the Committee Go on & hire the Remainder of the Continental Soldiers

art 8th After hearing a Letter from the Late Convention at Worcester the Town voted to Send a man to Join in Convention agreable to said Letter

By vote Chose Capt Nath'll Sherman to Join in S'd Convention

By vote adjourn'd this meeting to monday the Second day of April next at 3 O Clock afternoon to y'e meeting house

Perley Batchellor Moderator

April 2d 1781 The Town met according to adjournment

2 Voted the meeting Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Jon'a Wheeler Constable

In the name of the People of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts You are hereby Required forthwith to warn all the male inhabitants of Grafton Qualified to vote for a Governor Lieutenant Governor Councellors and Senators Agreable to the Constitution to meet at the Town meetinghouse in S'd Grafton on monday the Second day of April next at 2 O Clock afternoon & then and there to act on y'e following Articles viz

1 To Chuse a Governor

2 To Chuse a Lieu't Governor

3 To Chuse Councillors & Senators

4 Voted if the Town will allow the present Constables to warn the Town meeting by posting Copys of the Warrant in three or four of the most public places in Town as they may think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Twenty Seventh day of March A D 1781 Derby Batchellor
Elisha Brigham } Selat men
John Whipple } of Grafton
Thos Lealand jr
Andrew Adams jr

Grafton April 2 1781 In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place within named

Jon.a Wheeler Constable

April 2: 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

art: 1 Carried in fifteen votes for His Excellency John Handcock Esq.r for a Governer

art: 2: Carried in thirteen votes for Thomas Cushing Esq.r Lieut. Governor

art: 3 Carried in for Councillors & Senators as followeth viz

For Joseph Dorr Esq.r Nine votes
For Jacob Davis Esq.r Seiven do
For Moses Gill Esq.r Six do
For Israel Nichols Esq.r Six do
For Samuel Baker Esq.r four do
For Seth Washburn Esq.r four do
For William Dunsmore Esq.r four do
For Jon.a Ward Esq.r three do
For Daniel Clapp Esq.r Two do

attest Benj.a Goddard Town Clerk

Worc.r ss To Daniel Warrin Constable

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to notify & warn all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on monday the thirtieth day of this instant at one o'clock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles viz

1st To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2d To hear and accept the report of the Committee Chosen to hire Continental Soldiers for three years or during the war or act thereon as they shall think proper

3d For the Town to grant a Sum of hard-money for the speedy payment of a number of Continental Soldiers now Engaged or to adopt any other measure for that purpose

4th To accept Town debts

5th To accept the report of a Committee Chosen to purchase Beef for the Continental army

6th For the Town to hear & Consider of a matter of difficulty now subsisting between Nath.l Eowing & the Town Treasurer respecting a note Given by the Treasurer to his son Samuel Given for Corn & to assist the Treasurer in Settling the same or to act on any measure that may be thought proper for that End

7th For the Town to abate the (44) rate assess on Jedidiah Cleaveland in the hand of Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable —
8th To abate the minister rate assess on Ambros Chase in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable
9th To abate the rate assess.d on Stephen Goulthwaight for his Son Samuel in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable
10th To abate the rate of Abner Stow for Gardner Dawson in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable
11th For the Town to unite & Come into one Company agreable to a Requist of Capt. Moses Harrington and others or act thereon as they shall think proper — —

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this twenty Eighth day of April A.D. 1781

Perley Batchellor
Elisha Brigham
John Whipple
And.: Adams Jr.
Select men for Grafton

Worc.r ss Grafton April 30 1781 Return
In obedience to the within warrant I have warn.d & notified the free holders & other inhabitants of the Town of Grafton as the Law directs to meet at time & place agreable to y.e Requisition within specified Dan.l Warrin Constable —

April 30th 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz.
art 1 By vote Chose Nath.l Ward moderator for said meeting
art 6th Voted that the Town impower the Committee Chosen the year past to purchase Corn for Soldiers and also the Town Treasurer to make a tender to Nathaniel Gowing of one hundred and thirteen bushels of Corn & one third of a bushel for a note said Gowing hath against the Town Treasurer
Voted to pass by all the artides for the present to the Last art.: 11th after hearing the petition refered to in s.d artide which is as follows viz Grafton April 27th 1781

To the Select men of Grafton Gentlemen: We the Subscribers desire that you would insert an artide in your next warrant for a Town meeting viz for the Town to agree if they see fit to Come all together in one Company if they think it will be most for the interest of the Town or act thereon as they shall think fit or proper Signed by Moses Harrington Benja Thurston Levi Mason Elijah Stanton Zebedee Rodding Henry Prentice Thos. Bicknell Comfort Chase Nath.l Batchellor Stephen Allen —

Voted to unite and Come into one Company in this Town with a majority of thirty Six against fifteen
voted to make a return to Col.o Cushing of the proceedings on the Eleventh artide and Chose Capt. Moses Harrington to Return.d
art 3 By vote Grafton Twelve hundred hard Dollars to help pay the Soldiers now Inlisted
By vote the Town impowered their Treasurer to Give his note or notes for hard money not to Exceed 1200 hard Dollars s.d note to be on interest for three month from the time of

By vote adjourn'd 'till Friday the fourth day of May next at 2 O'Cloth afternoon to the meetinghouse Nath[l] Ward Moderator

May 4th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment & prouceed art 7: 8: 9: & 10th the votes were put whether the Town will abate the rates assess'd on Jedidiah Cleaveland the minister Rate assess on Ambros Chase the rates assess[d] on Stephen Gould the eight for his son Sam[l] & the rate assess[d] on Abner Stow & for Gardner Rawson all in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor late Constable and it pass'd in the Negative

mart 4th accepted of a bill Brought in by Deacon Joseph Meriam for paying Mr. Baron Hutchinson for preaching £240-0-0

accepted of a bill or report Bro[t] in by James Whipple & Amos Gale a Committe for Buying Beef for the army viz one yoke of oxen bought of Jon[a] Philips £2470 keeping £42-12 £2512-12 also for buying one yoke of d[o] of Jacob Marsh at three Thousand one hundred pounds £14-8 Total - - 3114-8-

art 12 accepted a Report of the Committee for hiring Soldiers viz

Grafton April 30th 1781

We the Subscribers being a Committee Chosen by the Town of Grafton to hire Soldiers to Serve in the Continental army for the Term of three years or during the war Report as follows viz. We have hired Eleven Soldiers to Serve three years the Sum Total for the above Soldiers in hard money £980- paper money £1163-14 Joseph Bellows who is now Engaged in the Continental army we Expect Serves for our Twelveth ma

We have Engag[d] Ten hundred & fifty Dollars of the above hard money to be paid before they march

Luke Drury
Henry Prentice
Eph[m] Lyon
Joseph Warrin
Thomas Pinknell
Abner Stow Jr
Ebenr Leland
Jno Sherman
Perley Batchellor
} Comm[e]

By vote Granted 72 hard Dollars in addition to the above Grant of 1200 hard Dollars - - - - -

Voted to order the Town Treasurer to Give his note or notes for the Sums of hard money now Granted Equal to one hundred & five Dollars for one hundred to those men who have undertaken to procure it on Condition they bring it in by the fourteenth day of may instant

By vote ordered the Treasurer to pay to the Committe for hiring Soldiers the hard money now Granted as fast as they need it

Nath[l] Ward Moderator

Worcester ss. To Jon[a] Wheder Constable of Grafton

Sr You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants on the north Side of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote for a Representative according to the Constitution to meet & assemble at the Town meetinghouse in s[d] Grafton on thursday the fourteenth day of may instant at 3 O'Clock afternoon then & there to Elect & depute one good & lawful man to represent s[d] Town in the General Court or Assembly to be holden at the state house in Boston on y 30th day of this instant May 7th

Report Refered to in the Town 46) article in a warrant in the
Twenty Eighth page as follows viz
The first Committee Chosen to hire Eight Continental Soldiers
for six months Report that we have Engag^d as follows viz
James Forbush for six hundred pounds in Cash & 88 1/3 Bushels
of Indian Corn to be paid the first day of Jan^y next George Rose
for four hundred & twenty pounds in money & 103 1/3 Bushel of
Corn or as much money as to purchase the same Elijah Stanton
three hundred pounds in Cash & 113 1/3 Bushels of Corn Samuel
Gowing Three hundred pounds in Cash & 113 1/3 Bushels of Corn
John Stacy £750 in Cash & 76 Bushels of Corn Jacob Howe
£756 in Cash & 75 1/3 Bushel of Corn Joseph Bellows
£700 in Cash & 33 1/3 Bushels of Corn & 30 Bushels of Rye
Sum Total of the money is £3826 paid down
Bushels of Indian Corn Sum total is 603
Bushels of Rye is thirty
Each Soldier Rec^d a Treasurer note for
the Corn & Rye to be paid the first
day of January next

Errors Excepted
Eph^m Lyon
Jos. Warren
Jos. Wood
Simon Brown
Jos. Mariam Jun^r
} Committee for hiring Continental Soldiers

The above Report accepted by the Town Sept. 11th 1780

We the Subscribers being Chosen by the Town of Grafton to hire
for Militia men for the Town of Grafton to Serve three months
in the Publick Service as Militia men
We Report as follows viz: We have Engaged for Soldiers
to Serve three months in the publick Service whose names are
as follows David Wi Leland Moses Harrington Jr^r Jos. Sherman
Joseph Axtell Jun^r Noah Vilas Peter Pratt Eliphalet Smith
Seth Cutler Sam^l & John & Andrew Brown and we have paid
to Each one of them four hundred pounds in money and Each
one of them have Rec^d a Treasurer note for Twenty Bushels of
Rye and thirty Bushels of Corn to be paid the first of January
next Which is the full of what we Engaged with them for
The Sum Total of the money is —— £4000:
the Sum Total of the Rye —— 200 Bushels
& the Sum Total of the Corn —— 300 Bushels

Grafton July 15th 1780

Jim^s Sherman
Eph^m Sherman
Joseph Warren
Eph^m Lyon
Darby Batchellor
Abner Stow
Amos Lald
} Committee

The above Report Read and accepted by the Town Sept 11th 1780

Grafton July 6th 1780

A Report of the Committee Chosen by the Town July 1: 1780
To hire three men to Serve in the Continental army for six months
one as follows viz We have agreed with Aaron Pike for thirty
pounds in hard money £10-16- paid down and a Treasurers
note for the Remainder to be paid the first day of Jan^y next
We have agreed with Wm J. Stow for thirty pounds in hard money
& £800 in paper money the paper money all paid down and

Twelve pounds of the hard (£) money and a Treasurer's note for the remainder to be paid the first day of Jan.y next and we have agreed with Spencer Maynard for thirty nine pounds in hard money and £630 in paper the paper money was all paid down and thirty pounds of the hard money and a note one Treasurer for the remainder of the hard money to be paid the first day of Jan.y next.

We have farther agreed with said maynard that if his wages at 40/ per month is not Equal to hard money that we will make it up for three months Equal to hard money

all which we Submit to the Town for their acceptance

Luke Drury
Tho.s Bicknell
Tim.o Sherman
Perley Batchellor
Joseph Warrin
Abner Howe Just.s
Eph.m Sherman
Henry Prentiss
Eph.m Lyon
Amos Gale
} Committee

A:D There remains due to the Com.tee £62-16-0
which they have paid to y.e Soldiers in hard money

The above report Read and accepted by the Town Sept.r 11.th 1780

Remainder of the warrant for a Representative

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Seventh day of may one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty one

Perley Batchellor
Elisha Brigham
John Whipple
Thad.s Leland
And.w Adams
} Select men of Grafton

Worc.r ss. in obedience to the within warrant I have notified all the free holders & other inhabitants to meet at the time & place agreable to thy within warrant

Jon.a Wheler Constable

return

The Same warrant in form & Substance was Committed to Daniel Warrin the other Constable to warn the South Side of Said Town for the Same meeting and his return was as follows Viz

Worc.r ss Grafton May 11.th 1781 In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the free holders & other inhabitants of the South Side of the Town of Grafton as the Law Directs to meet at time and place agreable to the Requisition within apertained

Dan.l Warrin Constable

May 17. 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning

The vote was put whether the Town will Send a Representative agreable to the warrant & it pass.d in the affirmative

By a vote chose Cap.t Eph.m Lyon to Represent said Town in the General Court the year Ensuing

attest Benj.a Goddard Town Clerk

Worc.r ss To Jon.a Wheeler Constable of Grafton

You are hereby Required in the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts forthwith to warn & notify all the free holders and other Inhabitants on the north Side of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Towns meeting house in said Grafton on thursday the Seventeenth day of May instant at four oClock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To Chuse a moderator for Said meeting

Turn over

2d To accept Town debt

3d For the Town to allow the present Constable to warn the Town meetings by puting Copies of the warrants at Each Meetinghouse or at thereon as they shall think proppir

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Seventh day of May A D 1781

Jerley Batchellor
Elisha Brigham
John Whipple
Phin.s Leland
And.w Adams

Selectmen of Grafton

Worc.s ss Obedience to the within warrant I have warned & notified all the freeholders and other inhabitants to meet at time & plaw agreable to the within warrant

Jon.a Wheler Constable

The same warrant in form was Committed to Daniel Warrin the other Constable of Grafton to warn the South side of the Town to meet at time & plaw for the same busines and his Return is as follows viz

Worc.s Grafton May 14 1781 In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the South side of the Town of Grafton as the law directs to meet at time and plaw agreable to the Requisition within ascertained

Daniel Warrin Const.

May 17 1781 the Town met agreable to warning & proceeded viz

1 By a vote Chose Capt. Nath.l Sherman moderator

2d proceeded to accept town debts

accepted of a bill Bro.t in by the Selectmen for keeping Hannah Philips Ten weeks at £1.3 per week town Total £13-0-

By a vote accepted of a bill brought in by Col.o John Goulding Capt. Aaron Kimball & Lieut. James Whipple a Committee Chosen to Repair the meting house for Labour & materials about said house the Sum Total of the whole is ——— £19-3-0-16

3d By vote allowed the present Constables to warn the Town meting the present year as Last year

By a vote adjourn.d this meeting to monday the 28th of this instant may at 3 oClock afternoon to the meting house Nath.l Sherman Mod.r

On adjournment the Town met & proceeded to accept town debts

By a vote accepted of a bill Brought in by Silas Warrin and allowed to him. A act was signed by the meting house Committee as above for paying Jonas Hemenway for Labour dol.s at the meting house the Sum total is Sixty Eight Dollars & 3/4th of a dollar in the new Emition ——— £20-12-6

Nath.l Sherman Moderator

Worc.s ss To Jon.a Wheler Constable In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forth with to notify and warn all the free holders and other inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town meetinghouse in said Grafton on thursday the seventeenth day of this instant may at five oClock afternoon then & there to act as follow viz

1st To Chuse a moderator for said meting

2d For the Town to Chuse a Committee to make a final Settlement with the Rev.d Mr Aaron Hutchinson our former Minister or to adopt any other measure for that purpose

3d To grant a Sum of money for said Settlement as above mentioned

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Sixteenth day of may A.D. one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty one

Perley Batchellor
Jn.o Whipple
Elisha Brigham
Phin.s Leland
Andw Adams
Constables

Selectmen of Grafton

— Return — — — —

Worc.r ss In obedience to this warrant I have notified & warn.d all the within named to met at time & place Grafton May 17 1781 Jon.a Wheler Constable

May 17 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant warning & proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator

2 Voted to Chuse three men for a Committee to make a settlement with Rev.d Mr. Hutchinson agreable to the second article in the warrant

By a vote Chose Joseph Brown Joseph Meriam Jr. & Benja. Goddard for said Committee

By a vote adjourn.d to monday the 28th of this instant may at four of the Clock after noon to y.e meeting house Perley Batchellor Moderator

May 28th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment and accepted of the report of the Committee Chosen to settle with Mr. Hutchinson which Report is as followeth viz

We the Subscribers being a Committee Chosen to make a final Settlement with the Rev.d Aaron Hutchinson our Late pastor Do report that we have made a Settlement with him by his attorney Aaron Hutchinson his Son Whom he appointed for that purpose by paying Twenty Seven pounds four shillings in hard money which we have Borrowed by Giving our note of hand on demand with interest from the Eighteenth of May 1781

Joseph Meriam Jn.r
Benja Goddard
Committee To settle with Mr. Hutchinson

Grafton May 19th 1781

Voted that the Town make the Bond which the Committee Gave Rev.d Mr. Hutchinson on the Settlement with him their own act

Voted that the papers which were Read in Town meeting respecting the Settlement with Mr. Hutchinson be deposited in the Clerks office

By vote Granted £30 in hand money to replace the money Borrowed to Settle with Mr. Hutchinson as afore mentioned

Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worc.r ss To Daniel Warrin Constable for the Town of Graf

In the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby ordered forthwith to warn all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to met & assemble at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on monday the 28th day of may instant at five o Clock afternoon then & there to act on y.e following artides viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To Chuse assessors for the present year

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting — Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Twenty Second day of may A.D. 1781

Perley Batchellor
Andw Adams Jr.
John Whipple
Selectmen of Grafton

Worc.r ss Grafton may 28. 1781

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the free holders and other inhabitants of the Town of Grafton as the Law Direct to met at time & place agreable to the requisicion within mentioned Daniel Warrin Constable

May 28th 1781 the Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning
By voit Chose Abner Stow Junr Moderator
Voted to Chuse three assessors for the prest yr
By vote Chose Benja Goddard
Jon.a Stow
& Thos Bicknell } Assessors Sworn

Abner Stow Junr Moderator

The Town officers Chosen for the year 1781 hereafter named were Sworn to the faithful discharge of their several offices Viz -
Benja Goddard Town Clerk Sworn before Joseph Baker Esqr
Jon.a Wheler & Dan.l Warrin Constables
Hath.e Grout Collector of minister taxes
Benja Lathe James Whipple Peter Richardson Amos Davis
Jr Jos. Wood James Wheler & Nahum Stow Surveyors.
Elijah Brown & Jim.s Sherman Tythingmen
Jon.a Stow Thos Bicknell & Benja Goddard Assessors
Jim.s Sherman fence viewer
Cyrus French Paul Warfield Thos Leland Jon.a Hall Simon
Wait James Putnam Levi Leland Hog-viewer
all Sworn before Benja Goddard Town Clerk Except Benja-
Goddard or an assessor Sworn before Jacob Davis Esqr -

Worcs.s To Jon.a Wheeler Constable for Grafton
In the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby Required forthwith to notify and warn
all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton on the north
side of s.d Town to meet & assemble at the Town
meeting house in said Grafton on Thursday the four-
teenth day of June Instant at four o Clock afternoon
then & there to act on the following artikles viz. -
1 To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
2 To Grant a Sum of hard money to Compleat the
payment of the present Engagement with the
Continental Soldiers or to adopt any other measure
for that purpose
3 To Chuse a Collector to Collect the minister rate on
the north side of the town
Herein fail not and make return of this warrant
and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before
the hour of meeting
Given under our hands and seal at Grafton this
fourteenth day of June A.D 1781
Peleg Batchelor } Select men
Elisha Brigham
John Whipple
Jeffa Leland
Jnda Adams Jr } of Grafton

Worcester Grafton June 14th 1781 By obedience to the within
I have notified and warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants
to meet at time & place Jon.a Wheeler one of the Constables of Grafton

The same warrant in form was committed to Daniel
Warrin the other Constable of Grafton to warn the South side
of the Town to meet at the time & place and his return is as
follows viz.

Worcester Grafton June 14th 1781 In obedience to the within
Warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants
of the South side of the Town of Grafton as the Law
directs to meet at time & place agreable to the Requisition
within ascertained Daniel Warrin Constable

June 14th 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning
and proceeded as follows viz.
1 By a vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator
2 By vote Granted four hundred hard dollars to Compleat
the payment of the Continental Soldiers
Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to procure
three hundred & fifty hard dollars within Six days to pay
the Soldiers as mentioned in the 2d article
By vote Chose Dan.l Warrin
John Whipple
Nath.l Ward
a Committee
for that purpose
By vote added Joseph Wood
and — — Shel.d Stow
to the above Committee

By vote adjourn.d this meeting to the 19th day of this Instant
June at 4 O'Clock afternoon to the meeting house
Perley Batchellor Moderator

June 19th 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning
and proceeded viz.
By vote accepted of the Committee Report which is as follows
viz. We the Subscribers a Committee Chosen to procure 350 hard
Dollars to Compleat the payment of the present engage-
ments with the Continental Soldiers Report that we have
hired 200 hard Dollars for one year on Interest fro
16th day of June Instant and 150 Dollars on Interest
the 15th day of June instant for three months for which
we Give for both Sums nineteen dollars 1/2 Gratis which is
on Interest for three months from the fifteenth of this
instant The Sum total is three hundred Sixty nine Dollars
and one half John Whipple Nath.l Ward & Shel.d Stow Committee
£110-17-0
By a vote ordered the Town Treasurer to Give his note to
John Whipple & Nath.l Ward for 169 1/2 hard Dollars Dated
from the 14th of June instant & to be paid in three months
also a note to John Whipple & Shelcomith Stow of 200
hard Dollars to be on interest from the 16th day of June
instant Each note to draw Interest till paid
Perley Batchellor Moderator

Word^r^ to Jon^a^ Wheeler Constable

In the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts — you are hereby Required forth with to notify and warn all the freeholders & other inhabitants Qualified voters on the north side of the Town of Grafton to assemble at the Town meeting house in s^d^ Grafton on Wednesday the twenty Seventh day of June Instant at five o'clock afternoon then & there to act on the fallowing articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 To adopt some measure for raising a number of Soldiers now Called for agreeable to a resolve of the General Court or act thereon as they shall think proper — — — —
3 To abate the rate assess^d^ on John Stacey in y^e^ hands of Jon^a^ Wheeler present Constable

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 26^th^ day of June A D 1781

Derby Batchellor
Elisha Brigham
John Whipple
Phin^s^ Leland
Andr^w^ Adams Jr^r^
} Select men of Grafton

His Return. — —

Grafton June 27 1781

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants to meet at time & place

Jon^a^ Wheeler } one of the Constable of Grafton

The same warrant in form was Committed to Daniel Warrin the other Constable to warn the South side of the Town to meet at the time & place as above mentioned to act on the Same articles and his Return is as fallows viz —

Word^s^ of Grafton June 27 1781 In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the free holders & other Inhabitants on the South Side of the Town of Grafton to meet at time and place agreeable to the Requisition within Ascertained

Daniel Warrin Constable

June 27 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as fallows viz

1 By a vote Chose Capt. Shelomith Stow Moderator
2 The vote was put whether the Town will raise the men now Called for on the Cont. of the Town pass^d^ in y^e^ affirmative Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to raise said Soldiers
By a vote Chose Capt. Shel^o^ Stow
Cyrus French
& Lt. Noah B Kimball
} for said Com^t^.

3 The vote was put (53) whether the Town will abate the rate assess'd on John Stacy in the hands of Jon.a Wheeler present Constable and it pass'd in the Negatives

By a vote adjourned to the 28th of this instant June at 6 of the Clock afternoon to the meeting house Shelomith Stow Moder.r

on adjournment the Town met and heard the report of the Committee which is as follows viz.

Grafton June 28th 1781

We the Subscribers being a Committee Chosen to hire three men to Go to Rhode Island agreable to a Late order of the General Court have proceeded accordingly and have Inlisted two men Viz Simeon Keith & Shadrach Miller on Condition of their having fifty hard Dollars as a Town Bounty to Each of them and ten of said Sum to be paid as soon as they pass Muster a Treasurers note for five months for the remainder and in Case the Town Chuse not to accept this report they have their Inlistment again — Shelomith Stow Cyrus French

The above report was accepted by the Town

By vote adjourn'd this meeting to y 30th of this instant June at 6 O Clock afternoon to y meeting house to hear a further report of the Committe Shel.o Stow moderator —

on adjournment the Town met and heard a further report of the Committe which is as follows viz —

Grafton June y 30th 1781 The Committe hath further proceeded and Inlisted Ebenezer Cutler on Equal Condition with the other Two Cyrus French Shelomith Stow Com.

Read and accepted by the Town. Shelomith Stow Moder.r

Worc.r ss To M.r Dan.l Warrin Constable for Grafton — Greeting

you are hereby required in the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified Voters of the town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the ninth day of July Six o Clock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles viz.

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To Hear the Resolves of the General Court for a further supply of Beef for the army and to adopt such measures as they shall think proper to procure said Beef

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this sixth day of July A.D 1781 — Elisha Brigham, Perley Batchelor, John Whipple, Select men of Grafton

Worc.r ss In Obedience to this warrant I have warned & notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton ~~to meet~~ as the law directs to meet at time & place agreable to the Requisition within ascertained Grafton July 9th 1781 Daniel Warrin Constable

July 9th 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning
and proceeded as follows viz —
1 By a vote Chose Elisha Brigham Moderator
2 voted to Chuse one man to provide the Beef agreable to
the 2d article in the warrant
By a vote Chose Lt Jos. Brow for said Service
By a vote adjourned this meeting to the 10th of July instant at
Seven o'clock afternoon to the meeting house — Elisha Brigham Mod.
July 10th 1781 the Town met according to adjournment &
By a vote dismist Lt Joseph Brow as above &c —
By a vote Chose Majr Holbrook to provide the Beef in his room
Elisha Brigham Moderator

Worcs. ss To Daniel Warrin Constable for Grafton
In the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby Required forthwith to notify & warn
all the freeholders & other Inhabitants Qualified voters
in the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the
Town meetinghouse in said Grafton on tuesday the
tenth day of July Instant at 6 O Clock afternoon then
and there to act on the following article viz —
1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 To adopt some measure for Raising a number
of Soldiers now Called for agreable to a Resolve
of the General Court
3 To Grant a Sum of hard money for to procure
Cloathing for the Continental Soldiers now Called for
by the General Court or act thereon as they shall
think proper —

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with
your doings thereon to some one of us at or before
the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this
nineth day of July A D 1781 — Perley Batchellor (Select
John Whipple men
Andw Adams J of
Grafton

Return —
Worcs. ss In obedience to the within
warrant I have warned & notified
the free holders & other Inhabitants of the
Town of Grafton to meet at time & place
Grafton July 10th 1781 Daniel Warrin Constable

July 10th 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning
and proceeded as follows viz —
1 By a vote Chose Dr Timothy Darling moderator
2 Voted to Raise the men now called for at the Cost of
the Town to hire said men
Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to
By vote Chose Ezekiel Brigham Jr Lt James Whipple &
for said Committee

By a vote adjorn'd this meting to Fryday next at five oClock afternoon to y^e meetinghouse to hear the report of the Committee
Tim^o Darling Moderator

according to adjornment the Town met & proceed viz
voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to act in Conjunction with the other Committee for Raising 150 hard Dollars to help hire the men now called for
By a vote Chose Amos Gale Eph^m Wheler & Cap^t Zebedee Rodding for said Committee
By a vote adjorn'd to Thursday next at 6 oClock afternoon to the meetinghouse to hear the report of the Committee
Timothy Darling Moderator

according to adjornment the Town met and acepted of a report of the Committee which is as fallows viz —
We the Subscribers being a Committee Chosen to procure & hire five Soldiers now Called for to go to west point Report that we have hired them & agreed with them as fallow viz
We have Inlisted Frances White and have agreed ~~with him~~ for to Give him Seventy five ~~fin~~ hard Dollars down and the Town Draw his wages We have Inlisted Jacob Smith and agreed to give him forty five hard Dollars down and a Treasurers note for thirty Dollars more to be paid within three months and the Town draw his wages and we have Inlisted John Allen & have agreed to Give him ten Dollars down & a Treasurer note for forty dollars more to be paid in three months and the use of a Gun Blanket & Cartridge Box we have also Inlisted Joshua Leland and agreed to give him twenty Dollars down and a Treasurers note for forty Dollars more to note to run for three months Likewise we have Inlisted Thaddeus Bruce & have agreed to Give him 14 dollars down & a Treasurer note for twenty six Dollars more to run three months if he passeth Muster

Grafton July 17^th 1781
Ezekiel Brigham j^r
James Whipple
Timothy Johnson
} Committee

The above Report was acepted by the Town —

By a vote adjorned this meeting to fryday the 20^th day of July Instant at 6 oClock afternoon to the meeting house to hear the further Report of the Committee
Timothy Darling Moderator

Worcester ss To Jon^a Wheeler Constable &^c
In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts
You are hereby Required forthwith to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified voters in the Town of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Townmeetinghouse in said Grafton on wednesday the Twenty second day of August instant at one oClock afternoon then and there to act on the following artiles viz —
1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 To Grant a Sum of hard money Sufficient to pay the Soldiers Raised and Destined for Rhode Island and for west point also for the Beef ordered to be Raised by the Court for the Continental army Also to procure the Cloathing agreable to the Resolve of the General Court
3 To hear and accept of a report of a Committee Chosen to purchase Beef for the army

4th To hear and accept a report of a Committee Chosen to hire the Continental Soldiers for three years or during the war or act thereon as they shall think proper

5th To hear and accept a Report of a Committee Chosen to purchase hard money for the Continental Soldiers Raised for six months last year

6 To hear and accept a Report of a Committee Chosen to hire Soldiers for to Go to Rhodeisland and to west point last June and July

7th To accept town Debts

8th To abate the rates assess.d on David Stow for his son David in the hands of Jon.a Wheler late Constable

9 To abate the rates assess.d on M.r Dix in the hands of Joseph Perry Late Constable

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Sixteenth day of August one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one

Perley Batchellor
John Whipple
Phinehas Leland } Select men
Andr. Adam Jr } for Grafton

Worc.s ss In obedience to y.e within warrant I have warned the within-named persons to meet at time & place
Grafton August 20 1781 Jon.a Wheler } one of y.e Constables for & for Grafton

August 22 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

art 1 By a vote Chose Capt. Thelomith Stow Moderator

voted to pass by the 2d art for the present
pass by y.e 8th article

4th By a vote accepted the Committees report mentioned in art. ~~which is as follows viz~~ See the original in the Clerks office

5 By vote accepted a report of a Committee which is as follows viz Grafton August 21st 1781 We the Subscribers being a Comm.tee Chosen by the Town at their meeting to purchase £99- hard money for the purpose of paying the Soldiers Raised for six months in the year 1780 have attended that service and report as follows viz

We have rec.d £7425-0 paper money to purchase the hard money with and we have bought and paid seventy-five pounds fifteen shillings hard money and those remain due of the principle £25-9-2 hard money

Errors Excepted — Thos. Bicknell } Comm.tee
Joseph Warren } to purchase
Abner Stow Jr } hard money

6th proceeded to accept town debts —

By vote accepted of the Committees bill for hiring 34 Continental Soldiers for 3 years £26-16-4 Silver money

By vote accepted of the Com.tee act for paying Ebenr Cutler Shadrack Miller & Simeon Keith three pounds Each for their time for going to Rhodeisland & act was signed by Thelo Stow & Noah B Kimball Sum total £9-0-0

By voted & accepted an acct. brot. in by James Whipple and Ezekl. Brigham Jr. (a Committee) for money paid towards hiring Soldiers to Go to westpoint ——— £13-16-7
Said money is on Interest from July 21 1781
9th put to vote whether the Town will abate the rate assessed on Mr Dix in the hands of Joseph Perry Late Constable and it pass. in the negative
By vote adjournd. to monday next at 3 oclock afternoon to ye meetinghouse Shel. Stow Moderator

August 27th 1781 according to adjornment the Town met
3d accepted the report refered to in Article viz —
Town of Grafton to the subscriber Dr for four oxen Sold of Mr Sam. Browning of Rutland provided for the Town agreable to a Resolve of Court for providing Beef for the army for Jan.y & Feb.y Last Eighty five pounds twelve Shillings in hard money with interest from July 3d till paid
Grafton August 21st 1781 Joseph Brew
8th put to vote whether the town will abate the rates of David Stow for his Son David in the hands of Jon.a Wheeler Constable and it pass in the affirmative
6th accepted the report of a Comt. for hiring money to pay 3 months men raised to go to west-point Sd Committees report is as follows viz hired £32-4 for which we gave £2-8 Grats for 3 months hired £13-10 for which we gave 6/7 Grats for 3 months hired £3-6 for Lawful Interest total £51-14-7
Grafton August 27 1781
Ezekiel Brigham Jr. } Comt.
James Whipple
Jim.a Johnson

2d By vote Granted £500 hard money to defray the Charges Set forth in the Second article
By vote ordered that the Comtee for hiring Continental Soldiers Return the money they have on hand into the Treasury and Said Treasurer Receive the Same
Shelh Smith Stow Moderator

Worc.r ss To Daniel Warrin Constable for Grafton
In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby ordered forthwith to notify & warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants Qualified to vote at the Towns meetinghouse in Grafton on Wednesday the 12th day of Sept. Instant at 2 Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz —
1 To Chuse a mod.r for said meeting —
2 To Grant a Sum of hard money to purchase Glass to glaze the meeting house in Grafton and to purchase nails and to pay workmen to finish the out side of the porch & said house and to pay for setting Glass or act thereon as they shall think proper
3 To grant a Sum of hard money to pay Gov.r Jam.s Governors Salary from october 1780 to october 1781 or act thereon as they shall think proper —

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Seventh day of Sept^r 1781

Perley Batchellor
Elisha Brigham
John Whipple
Phin^s Leland
And^w Adams 2^d

Selectmen of Grafton

Return

Worc^r ss Grafton Sept 12th 1781

In obedience to this Warrant I have warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of Grafton as the law directs to meet at time and place agreable to the Requisition within mentioned

Dan^l Warren Constable

Sept 12th 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz

art 1 By a vote Chose Perley Batchellor moderator

art 2 By vote dismiss^d 2^d article

art 3 By a vote dismiss^d the 3^d article

Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worc^r ss To Jon^a Wheeler Constable for Grafton

You are hereby ordered in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified voters in Grafton to meet and assemble at the Town meetinghouse in s^d Grafton on Wednesday y^e 26th day of Sept Instant at one o'clock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 For the Town to Chuse a Committee to Reckon with the Committee Chosen to Repair the meetinghouse in s^d Town in order that the Town may make a Settlement with said Committee or to adopt any other method they may think propper for that End

3 To Grant a Sum of hard money to pay such debts as is due for repairing the meetinghouse in said town and also to Complete the repair of the outside of said meetinghouse & porches or act thereon as they shall think propper

4 To acept Town Debts

5 To abate the rates assess^d on Jedidiah Cleaveland in the hands of Nath^l Batchellor Late Constable

6 To abate the rates assess^d on Stephen Gould the eight for his son Samuel in the hands of Nath^l Batchellor Late Const^l

7 To abate the rates assess^d on Josiah Dow in the hands of Nath^l Batchellor Late Constable

To abate Rates assess'd on Abner Stow Jun.r for Gardner Rawson in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable
To abate this rate assess'd on Henderson Walkup in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable
To abate the rates assess'd on Umbros Chase of Sutton in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable
To abate the rates assess'd on Ephm Sherman in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Const.
To abate the rates assess'd on Ebn.r Sadler in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable

Whereof fail not to make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of s.d meeting

Given under our hands and seal at Graston this 12th day of September A.D 1781

Perley Batchellor
Phin.s Leland
John Whipple
And.w Adams Jun.r
Selectmen of Graston

Worc.s ss In obedience to this warrant I have warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants Qualified voters to meet & assemble according to y.e direction given me Jon.a Wheller Constable for Graston

Graston Sept.r 26th 1781 the Town then met agreable to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Tho.s Bicknell Moderator
By vote Chose Jon.a Stow Clerk pro.t
Then voted to pass by the 2d 3d & 4th article for the present and proceed to the fifth article
after Considering the other articles in said warrant returned to the Second article
2 Voted to have a Com.t of three men to Reckon with the Committee Chosen to Repair the meeting house as set forth in s.d vote
By vote Chose Jos. Miriam Jun.r Jon.a Stow & Benj.a Goddard for s.d Comm.te By vote Chose And.w Adams Jun.r in the room of Joseph Miriam Jun.r
Then adjourned this meeting to the 15th day of Oct.o next at one of the Clock after noon to the meeting house
Thomas Bicknell Moderator

October 15.th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment
Voted to pass by the 3d art for y.e present
4 proceeded to Accept Town debt
accepted of an acc.t Brot in by the Selectmen for 22 Shirts for 22 pair of Stockings for 22 pair of Shoes and for Eleven Blankets procured for the Soldiers £42-2-0
the Town Total is
By vote adjourned to monday the 5th day of Nov.r next at 2 oClock after noon to the meetinghouse Tho.s Bicknell Mod.r

Nov.r 5th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment & adjourned to monday y.e 19th day of this Instant Nov.r at 3 oClock afternoon to y.e meetinghouse Thomas Bicknell Moderator

Town to y.e 62 page for y.e Remainder

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Worcs^{s} ss To Daniel Warrin Constable for Grafton

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby Required forth with to notify and warn
all the freeholders and other inhabitants Qualified voters
in the town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the towns
meetinghouse in s^{d} Grafton on wednesday the 26th day of
Sept instant at 4 oClock afternoon then & there to act
on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for s^{d} meeting
2 To raise one fourth part of the militia in Capt Stows Company belonging to the Training band to beat a minutes warning to march agreable to orders from Col^{o}. Whitcomb or act thereon as they shall think proper
3 To abate the rate assess^{d} on Peter Thurston in the hand of Nath^{l} Batchellor late Constable

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and seal at Grafton this twenty fifth day of Sept^{r} A^{o} 1781

Perley Batchellor
Elisha Brigham
Jn^{o} Whipple
Pliny Leland
Jn^{o} Adams
Daniel Warrin

Selectmen of Grafton

Constable

Worcs^{s} Grafton Sept 26 1781 in obedience to the within warrant I have warn^{d} the freeholders and other inhabitants of Grafton as the Law direct to meet at time & place agreable to the Requisition within Ascertained

Grafton Sept^{r} 26 1781 The town met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Elisha Brigham Moderator
voted to Chuse a Com^{te} of 3 men to treat with men that may march on alarm By vote Chose Capt Stow Lt Putnam & Lieut Kimball for s^{d} Com^{te}
Then adjourned to thursday the 27th instant of Sept at 4 oClock afternoon at the meeting house Elisha Brigham Mod^{r}

Sept 27 1781 The town met according to adjournment &

By vote
2 abated the rate assess^{d} on Peter Thurston in the hands of Nath^{l} Batchellor late Constable

Then adjourned to 4th day of october next at four oClock afternoon at this place Elisha Brigham Mod^{r}

Worcs^{s} ss To Jon^{a} Wheeler Constable for Grafton

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby ordered forthwith to warn & notify all the freeholders & other inhabitants Qualified voters in the town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the towns meetinghouse in s^{d} Grafton on wednesday the 3^{d} day of October at 8 oClock before noon then & there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 To raise one fourth part of the militia in Capt Stows Company belonging to the training Band to be at a minutes warning to march to the State of Connecticut agreable to your orders from Colo Wheelock or act thereon as they may think prop
3 To raise three fourth of the militia in Capt Stows Company belonging to the training Band to be at a minutes warning to march to the State of Rhode Island agreable to orders from Colo Wheelock to Capt Stow or act thereon as they shall think propper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 29th day of Sept. 1781

Perley Batchellor
Elisha Brigham
John Whipple
Andrew Adams Jr
} Selectmen of Grafton

Return

Worcs ss In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the within named persons to meet at time & place

Jona Wheeler Constable

Grafton October 1st 1781 The Town of Grafton met agreable to warning & proceeded as follows viz

By vote Chose John Whipple Moderator

By vote Chose Perley Batchellor Lt James Whipple & Capt Joseph Warrin a Committe to see what the Militia shall have if they are called upon to go as is set forth in the warrant

The above Committee report as follow viz

That the militia draw 4/ pr Day if they are called upon to march as is above written allowing them 4/ for Every twenty miles from where they are discharged &c

By a vote accepts the above report John Whipple Moderator

Worcs ss To Daniel Warrin Constable

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to notify & warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified Voters in Grafton to meet & assemble at the Towns meetinghouse on monday the Twenty Second day of October Instant at one O Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To Chuse a Committee to see in whose hands the paper money is that was Granted for Mr Governors Salary and for Repairing the Meetinghouse and for procuring the Beef for the army and for Raising the Continental Soldiers and to see how far it hath answered the purpose it was Granted for and also to see how much of the Debt remains unpaid or act thereon as they shall think propper
3 To make Choice of some one man to be Recommended to his Excellency the Governor for to be Commissioned as Justice of the Peace
4 To accept Town Debts

Turn Over

Hereof fail not to make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 15th day of October A D 1781

Porley Batchellor
Elisha Brigham
Phinehas Leland
Andrew Adams Jun.
Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton October 22d 1781
In obedience to the within warrant I have warned and notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton as the law directs to meet at time & place agreable to the Requisition within ascertained

Daniel Warrin Constable

October 22 1781 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1 By a vote Chose Lieut. Joseph Whipple Moderator
Voted to have a Committee of 3 men to act agreable
By vote Chose Amor Gale Moses Sherman and Simon
Brues a Committee for that purpose
Voted to pass by the 3 article for the present and act
on the fourth
Then returned to the 3d article
By vote Chose Benja Goddard to be recommended to
his Excellency the Governor for to be Commissioned as
Justice of the Peace agreable to 3 article
By vote adjourn'd this meeting to the 5th day of Novr next
at 2 of the Clock afternoon to the meetinghouse

Joseph Whipple Mod.

Novr 5th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment &
By a vote adjourn'd to monday the 19th day of this instant
Novr at one Oclock afternoon to the meetinghouse

Joseph Whipple Moderator

Novr 19th 1781 The Town met pursuant to adjournment
& accepted the report of a Committee referred to in the 2 article
to Report was Signed by Amor Gale Moses Sherman and
Simon Brues

Joseph Whipple Moderator

The following brot from page 57th viz
Novr 19th 1781 three Oclock PM the Town met pursuant
to adjournment
By vote granted £240 to pay what is due towards
Repairing the meetinghouse and finish the outside of
said House

Thomas Bicknell Moderator

Novr 1781 (163)

Worcs ss To Daniel Warrin Constable

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby ordered & Directed forthwith to notify and warn all the freeholders and other qualified voters in the town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the town meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the nineteenth day of Novr instant at 12 oclock at noon then & there to act on the following artic viz 1 To Chuse a Moderator for s meeting
2 To hear & accept a report of the Select men respecting the State of the Town Treasurer
3 To Chuse a Committee to Sell the School lot in the town or act thereon as they shall think proper
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting — Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 13th day of Novr A D 1781 Derby Batchellor } Selectmen
And Adams Jr
Elisha Brigham Jr of Grafton

Worcs ss Grafton Novr 19th 1781
In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time and place agreeable to the Requisition within Ascertained
Dan Warrin Constable

Novr 19th 1781 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz
1 By vote Chose Derby Batchellor Moderr
2 By a vote accepted the Selectmen report which is as follows viz
We the Subscribers have Examined the State of the Treasury and find at Last Reckoning Exclusive of the ninety-eight thousand that was under the inspection of the Late Com
There was in the Treasury £21833-16
there Since paid for notes and orders the sum of 18658-12-0
and there Remains — — — — — — 3175-6-8
We find that the town debts are as follows viz Two notes for Corn one is for 113 Bushels & 1/3 the other 13 Bushels & 1/3 Due the first of Janr Last
Due on orders Dated may 5th 1779 the Sum of — £20-8-6
Due on orders Given this year not Settled — 548-0-0
Due on note from may 13th 1778 the Sum of — 50-18-0
Due from June 1779 — 210-0-0
Due from Sept 1779 — 40-0-0
Grafton Novr 19th 1781. Errors Excepted Elisha Brigham } Selectmen
Phinds Leland
And Adams Jr of Grafton

By vote passd by the 3d article Derby Batchellor Moderator

Feb^{y} 1782

Worc^{r} ss To Jon^{a} Wheeler Constable

In the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts
You are hereby ordered & Directed forthwith to notify
and warn all the freeholders & other Qualified voters in
the Town of Grafton to meet & asem62 at the Towns meet-
inghouse in said Grafton on monday the Eighteenth day
of this Instant Feb^{y} at 2 oClock afternoon then & there
to act on the fallowing artickles viz^{t} ——

1. To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
2. To hear & accept the report of M^{r} Moses Holbrook Chosen to purchase Beef for the army
3. To Chuse a Committee to Determine the True value of all the notes & accompts that is due towards the repair of the meetinghouse in said Grafton or adopt any other measure that may be thought propper for that End ——
4. To accept Town debts

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Sixth day of Feb^{y} A^{o} D^{o} 1782

Perley Batchelor, Elisha Brigham, Phin^{a} Leland, And^{w} Adams — Selectmen of Grafton

Worc^{r} ss In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders & other Qualified voters to meet at time & place

Jon^{a} Wheeler, Constable

Feb^{y} 18 1782 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceed as fallows viz^{t} ——

1 By a vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator for s^{d} meeting
2 Voted to have a Committee of 3 men to Determine the true value of the notes & accompts that is due towards the Repair of the meetinghouse in Grafton
By vote Chose Benj^{a} Goddard Simon Brine & Tim^{o} Sherman a Committee for that purpose
4 By vote accepted of Lt James Whipples acc^{t} for the use of a Cartridge box & Blanket in the 3 month Service £ 0-2-6
By vote adjourn^{d} to the 28th of this instant Feb^{y} at one oClock afternoon to the meeting house Perley Batchellor Moder

Feb^{y} 28th 1782 The Town met according to adjournment & accepted of M^{r} Moses Holbrooks Report for Beef prouded for y^{e} army
accepted of M^{r} Phin^{a} Lelands acc^{t} for taking up a note of
pth Sam^{d} Hemenway against the Town in Silver £ 6-9-4
accepted of the Committees Report Chosen on the 2^{d} artickle Such
part as hath not been accepted by the Town here to fore
Said Report & Charge now acepted amounts to ——— £ 107-2-7-1 in Silver
The Beef prouded by Moses Holbrook refered to in the
Second artickle amounted to 6258 W^{t} and Cost ——— £ 99-10-6

Perley Batchellor Mod^{r}

March 1782

Worcester ss To Danick Warrin Constable

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby ordered & Directed forthwith to notify and warn all the freeholders & other Qualified Voters in the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Town meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the fourth day of March next at Eight o'Clock Before noon then & there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
2 To Chuse Town officers for the present year
3 To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and to transact any matter or give Directions as may appear Necessary Relative thereto
4 To grant a sum of money to pay for Schooling and other Town Charges that may appear Necessary
5 To order the Schooling the present year
6 For the Town to Suffer the Swine to run at large the present year
7 To Grant a Sum of money to repair highways the Currant year
8 For the Town to order what Shall be given per day for man and Team to work at highways the present year
9 For the Town to allow those Squadrons that have not had their Equal part of Schooling to Draw their Equal proportion of money for that purpose
10 To accept Town Debt

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one one of us at or before the hour of Meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Eighteenth day of Febry 1782

Worcs Grafton March 4th 1782
In obedience to this warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at time & place agreable to the Requisition within apertained Dan Warrin Constable

Perley Batchellor
Elisha Brigham
John Whipple
Phins Leland
Andw Adams Junr
Selectmen of Grafton

March 4th 1782 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

By a vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator for said meeting

Voted to have five Select men

By vote Chose

Benja Goddard
Samuel Flagg
Ephm Sherman
David Forbush
Colo John Goulding
Select men

By vote Chose Joseph Moriam Junr Town Treasr

By vote Chose Benja Goddard Town Clerk

By vote adjournd for an hour & ½ to the meeting house

Perley Batchellor Moderator

1782

On Adjournment the Town met

Voted to Chuse three Assessors

By vote Chose Timothy Sherman
Capt Joseph Whipple
& Nath[l] Ward — } Assessors

Voted to have Two Constables
By vote Chose Perley Batchellor & Abner Temple } Constables

Voted to Chuse the rest of the officers by hand vote

Voted to have three Tythingmen

By a vote Chose William Brigham
By vote Chose Capt Shelomith Stow
& Daniel Hayden } Tythingmen

Voted to have Seven Highway Surveyors & Collectors of the highway Tax

By vote Chose Jon[a] Wheeler
David Sherman
Joseph Perry Jr
Jon[a] Hall
Jonathan Fay
Phin[s] Leland
& Stephen Eager } Surveyors & Collectors of the highway rate

Voted to have 5 hog-reves
By vote Chose Joshua Turner
Nath[l] Baxter
Sol[o] Stow
Aaron Kimball Jr
& Peter Pratt } Hog-reves

Voted to have 3 fence viewers By vote Chose Lt Jos. Brown
Capt Nath[l] Sherman
& Abner Temple } fence-viewers

Voted to have Two field drivers By vote Chose David Stow & Phin[s] Pratt Field Drivers

By vote Chose Cyrus French Sealer of Leather

By vote Chose Eben[r] Cutler Sealer of Lumber

Voted to have 2 fire wards viz Sol[o] Goodell & Capt Moses Harrington

By vote adjourned this meeting to the Eleventh day of this instant March at one of the Clock afternoon to the meeting house

Perley Batchellor Moderator

March 11th 1782 The Town met according to adjournment & proceeded

Voted to order the School by a Committee of five men

By vote Chose

Tim[o] Merriam
Stephen Allen
Col[o] Jn[o] Goulding
Jn[o] Whipple
& Wm Brigham } a Committee for that purpose

And the vote was put whether the Town will suffer the Swine to run at large the Currant year and it pass'd in the affirmative

7th By vote Granted £80 to repair highways the Currant year

8 Voted to allow for work at highways the present year for a man ~~from~~ to the last of June 3/ per day & from that time to the last of Sept[r] 2/ pr day and 1/6 pr day for oxen till the last of June & from that time to the last of Sept 1/ per day for oxen & 6d pr day for Cart

9 Voted to allow those Squadrons who have not their part of Schooling last year to draw their part of money to be laid out for that purpose

10 proceeded to accept town debts

Accepted of Silas Warrin accompt for a note he gave Jonas Hemenway for both done at the meeting house £7-5-4

Equal to Good money in 1774 with interest till paid

Accepted of Phin[s] Lelands Bill for signing a note to Isaiah Fairbanks and on interest — — — 3-6-8

accepted of Phin[s] Lelands Bill for signing a note to Ezra Hastings Eleven pounds fourteen Shillings new Emition the note was on interest from Dec[r] 8 1780 and stands in the old way at — — — 2-18-8

Equal to money in 1775

accepted of Phinehas Leland, acct for signing a note to Lt Moses Hayden
said Sum in Silver is ——— £1-17-3-0.
accepted of Phinehas Lelands acct for signing a note of hand
to Dan Warrin Jnor note
on interest from Nov. 30 1780 ——— 2-11-6-0.
accepted of Lt James Whipple acct for Labour at the
meting house & finding Stuff &c ——— 3-1-7-0.
accepted of Moses Holbrooks acct for procuring Beef for
the Town to Go to the army 5253 lb. ——— 102-2-11-0.
Accepted of Lt Jona. Howe acct for Settling the valuation
& making rate the year past ——— 2-5-0-0.
accepted of Benja. Goddard acct for making rate &c — 2-14-0-0.
accepted of Lt Thos. Bicknell acct for making rate &c — 2-8-0-0.
Accepted of Lt Joseph Brown acct for Boarding work-
men & paying three Dollars oldway Dan on Interest from
the 15 of octr 1780 ——— 6-2-6-0.
Accepted of Phinehas Lelands acct for Bench & Alt work
for the use of the Town on interest from Sept 15 1781 — 1-3-0-0.
accepted of Capt Aaron Kimballs acct. Service done at
the meeting house 83 days ——— 16-12-0-0.
Interest 1-4-9-0.
accepted of Capt Kimballs acct for time in procuring
Stuff for the Meetinghouse ——— 16-0-0.
Accepted of Capt A Kimballs acct for Labour done by
David Forbush at ye meetinghouse ——— 15-0-0.
accepted of Silas Warrins acct for Signing a note to Jon
Perry 9th 3d note is on interest from Decr 18 1780 — £4-10-0-0.
Accepted of an acct of Joseph Merriam Jnr for
Keeping the Treasurer Two years past ——— 4-16-0-0.
Accepted of Jnº Shermans acct for one hundred and
twenty one Bushels of Corn Ethmated at 4/ pr Bushel 24-4-0-0.
Accepted of Lt Moses Haydens acct for Schooling ten weeks
& three days at 9/ per week oldway Boarding the same
term 4/ per week oldway 6-16-6-0.
accepted of Benja. Luther acct for making a Coffin for
Daniel Bruce ——— 6-0-0.
Accepted of Capt Joseph Warrins acct for hiring a
School master 10 weeks ½ at 7/6 per week Corn at
3/ per Bushel Boarding the Same term 4/ per week
Corn at 3/ per Bushel 7-0-9-0.
Accepted of Benja. Garfields acct for Supplying with
a Schoolmaster 6 weeks at 9/ per week Corn 3/ pr Bushel 3-12-0-0.
Accepted of Benja. Garfields acct. for Supplying a
Schoolmaster 5 Weeks at 8/ per week Corn 3/ pr Bushel 1-15-0-0.
Accepted of Benja. Garfields acct for Boarding a
Schoolmaster 11 Weeks at 5/ per week 2-15-0-0.
4th By vote Granted £250 for Schooling and
other Town Charges
Voted to accept of Abner Howe Jun. to Serve Constable in the room of
Perley Batchellor as he promiseth to take no advantage of the Town
on account of his take Constables oath when Ever Chosen to do his own turn
By vote dismiss Capt Jos. Whipple from Serving an Office for
Heath Ward & Jnº Sherman hereby to Serve as ——— Assessors

Turn over The report of Treasurer See page 68

By a vote Chos. Lt Jon.a Stow } assessors

By a vote adjourn.d this meeting to Tusday the 12th day of this Instant March at 1 oclock afternoon to the meeting house

Perley Batchellor Moderator

March 12th 1782 The Town met according to adjournment
By vote Chos. Matth.a Ward Selectman in the room of David Forbush
By vote Chos. Joseph Meriam Jr.r & Vin.t Sherman Assessors
Voted that the Town Treasurer settle all the accompts on the Town Book that were Contracted in paper money by the Depreciation-Scale allow.d with silver Estate for Building fence for the Town viz. 39 rods } Selectmen £3-0-0
By vote adjourned this meeting to Monday the 18th day of this Instant march at 2 O Clock afternoon

Perley Batchellor Mod.r

Report of Treasury which ought to have been recorded in y.e Last page
We the Subscribers have Examined the State of the Treasury and we find there hath been ordered in the Sum of £28 289
Which together with remains of the Last Reckoning
ten pounds paid in as a fine & £30-18 paid by m.r Moses Cutler one of the Collectors of highway taxes by the hands of the Selectmen the Sum Total is — £ 119 874-16-1
in old Currancy and we find paid out for notes Orders
the Sum of — — — — — — — £72 222-10-7
And there remains in the Treasury — £47 651-5-6
Continental Currancy we also find ordered into the Treasury
in hard money the Sum of — — £1338-6-4
What is paid out was not Reckoned we also find there has been
paid for the first Qta of Beef the Sum of £9407-16-
Which is yet unsettled we also find m.r Gros venors Salary for
three years Back from last october unsettled

Errors Excepted

Grafton March 1 1782

N.B The Town debts Contracted for paper money & Corn as was Reported Last Nov.r — Perley Batchellor, John Whipple, And.w Adams Jr } Selectmen of Grafton.

Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer

March 18 1782 The above report read and accepted. By the Town
The Town met according to adjournment
By vote accepted Elijah Bruns act for keeping the meting house & Diging a Grave for Daniel Brue — — — 0-12-0.
accepted of m.r Samuel Hemenways act for making 1080 Squares of Glass & 44 window frames. — — £20-5-8.
accepted of Amos Gales act for Service in procuring beef for the army — — — — — — —

By vote anepted of Lt James Whipple to serve Constable for the Whole Town in the room of Abner Temple & Abner Stow jr

By vote ordered Perley Batchellor to replace Eighteen Dollars of the new Emition now in his hands ~~of~~ the Treasury

Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr James Whipple Constable for Grafton - Greeting

You are hereby Requierd in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn & notify all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified to vote for a Governer &c to meet & assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the first day of April next at one oClock afternoon then & there to act as follows - Viz

1 To Chuse a Governer

2 To Chuse a Lieut Governer

3 To Chuse a Council & Senators

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 19th day of march A D 1782.

Benja Goddard
Samy Flagg
Ephm Sherman
Nath Ward
John Goulding
} Select men of Grafton

Return

In obedience to the within warrant I have warnd & notified all the Inhabitants Qualified to vote for a Governer to meet at time & place within mentioned

Grafton April 1st 1782 James Whipple Const

April 1st 1782 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceed to Bring in their votes for a Governer &c as followeth viz

1 Carried in five votes for his Excellency John Handcock Esq for a Governor

2 Carried in one vote for Hon. Thomas Cushing Esqr and one vote for Nathl Gorham Esqr Lieut. Governor

3 Carried in for Councillors & Senators as follows viz

For Joseph Dorr Esqr Six votes
For Samuel Baker Esqr four do
For Jacob Davis Esqr - four do
For Col Daniel Clapp - four do
For Nathan Tyler Esqr - one do
For Wm Dunsmore Esqr Two do
For Capt Nathl Sherman one do

attest Benja Goddard Jr Clerk

Worcester ss To Mr James Whipple Constable for Grafton ~

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn & notify all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified to vote in town affairs to meet & assemble at the Towns meeting house in said Grafton on monday the first day of April next at 3 oclock afternoon then & there to act as follows viz

1 To Choose a Moderator for said meeting
2 For the Town to hear a Circuler Letter Read Sent from the Town of Hardwick & act thereon as they shall think Proper
3 To See if the Town will allow the Constable to warn the town meetings the year Ensuing by posting or act thereon as they shall think Proper
4 To abate the rate assessd on Jedidiah Cleavland in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor Late Constable
5 To abate the rate assessd on Stephen Goodwright for his son Samuel in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor Late Constable
6 To abate three town rates assessd on John Bowing in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor Late Const[le]

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Nineteenth day of March A[o] 1782

Benj[a] Goddard
Sam[l] Flagg
Eph[m] Sherman
Nath[l] Ward
John Goulding
} Select men of Grafton

In obedience to this warrant I have warned & notified all the Inhabitants Qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at time & place within mentioned

Grafton April 1 1782 James Whipple Constable

April 1 1782 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Nath[l] Ward moderator
2 Voted to Send two Deligates to Convention By vote Chose Capt. Nath[l] Sherman & Benj[a] Garfield for that purpose
3 Voted to allow the present Constable to warn the Town-meetings this year by posting Copies at both meeting houses Except when the Select men order it other ways

5 Voted to pass by the 4th article

By vote abated the rates assessed on Stephen Goodale's right for for his son Samuel in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor late Const[l]

6 Put vote whether the town will abate three town-rates assessed on John Bowing in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor late Constable and it pass'd in the Negative

Nath[l] Ward Moderator

A List of Jury acepted by the town march 6th 1781 omited in the propper place on the Book which is as fallows viz

Perley Batchellor Thin[d] Leland Nahum Stone Capt Drury John Whipple John Thurston Capt Eph[m] Lyon Lt Moses Hayden Andrew Adams jr Dr Joseph Wood Sam[l] Flagg Lt Joseph Whipple Abner Stow jr Shel[d] Stow Jon[a] Wheeler

The fallowing Selected out of the above names for the Superior Box viz

Perley Batchellor Dr Joseph Wood Nahum Stow Capt Eph[m] Lyon & Shelcomith Stow

The proceedings of said meeting signed by Perley Batchellor Mod[r]

Worcester ss To Mr James Whipple Constable for Grafton - Greating

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn & notify all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the town meeting house in Grafton on Wednesday the first day of may next at four of the Clock afternoon then & there to act as fallows viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To hear a petition of Andrew Adams & others Concerning a a part-house opened in town &c and act on said petition as they may think propper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 29th day of April D 1782

Benj[a] Goddard
Sam[l] Flagg
Eph[m] Sherman
Nath[l] Ward
} Select men of Grafton

Persuant to the within warrant I have warned all the votable Inhabitants to meet at the time & place within mentioned Except where they have Enoculated for the Small pox

Grafton may 1st 1782 James Whipple Constable

May 1: 1782 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as fallows viz

1 By vote Chose Joseph Perry Esq[r] Moderator

2 By vote ordered that there be no more persons Inoculated in this town ~~Voted to [illegible] a Committee of Seven to Speak~~

Turn over

Then the petition on the 2d. article was read which is as follows viz

Grafton April 29th 1782

To the Select men of Grafton Gent.

We the Subscribers Earnestly Request you forthwith to Issue your warrant to Call a Town meeting to see what the Town will do Concerning a pest-house being opened in Town and to See what the Town will do Concerning those that are now under Inoculation for the Small-pox and to act thereon as they Shall think proper in order to prevent the Spreading of that Contagious disease Andw Adams Joseph Meriam Silas Warrin Joseph Meriam Jr. Nathl Batchelor Joseph Perry Jr. Vinc. Meriam Andw Adams Jr. Moses Hayden Nathl Grover

Then by vote ordered that there be no more persons Inoculated in this town

Then voted to have a Committee of three men to assist the Selectmen in Conducting the affair respecting the Small-pox in this town - By a vote Chose Capt. Tebedc Hidding Cyrus French & Simon Bruce a Committee for that purpose

Joseph Perry Jr. Moderator

Worcs. ss To Mr James Whipple Constable for Grafton - Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants of this Town Qualified to vote for a Representative to meet at the towns meeting house in said Grafton on thursday the Seventeenth day of this instant may at 1 oClock afternoon then & there to Elect & Depute one Good & Lawful man to Represent said Town at the General Court to be holden at the State house in Boston on the Last wednesday in may inst.

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hand & Seal at Grafton this Sixth day of may Ad 1782

Benja Goddard
Samuel Flagg
Eph. Sherman
Nathl Ward
Select men of Grafton

Pursuant to this warrant I have warned all that are Qualified to vote for a Representative to meet at the time & place within mentioned

Grafton may 16th 1782 James Whipple Constable

May 16 1782 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning The vote was put whether the town will send a man to Represent them at the General Court & it pass'd in the Negation

attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Worcs. ss To Mr James Whipple Constable for Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the towns meeting house in said Grafton on thursday the 16th day of may instant at two of the Clock afternoon then & there to act as follows viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To see if the town will abate the rates assess'd on David Temple in the hands of Ebenezer Wadsworth Late Constable

3 To abate the rates assess'd on James Dix in the hands of Eben'r Wadsworth Late Constable

4 To see if the town will abate y rates of Dr Jos. Grout in the hands of Eben'r Wadsworth Late Const.

5 To abate the rate of Stephen Brooks in the hands of Eben'r Wadsworth Late Constable

6 To abate the rates assess'd on Sam'l Adams's poll in the hands of Eben'r Wadsworth Late Constable

7 To abate the rates assess'd on John Wesons Real Estate in the hands of Eben'r Wadsworth Late Constable

8 To accept town debts

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under hands & Seal at Grafton this sixth day of may A D 1782 —

Benja Goddard
Sam'l Flagg
Eph'm Sherman
Nath'l Ward
} Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to this warrant I have warnid all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to met at time & place within mentioned
Grafton may 16 1782 James Whipple a Constable

may 16 1782 the town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz.

1 By vote Chose Capt Nath'l Sherman Moderator

2 By vote abated David Temples rates

3 By vote abated James Dix's rates

4 By vote abated Dr Joseph Grouts rate

5 By vote abated Stephen Brooks's rate

6 By vote abated Samuel Adams's poll rate

7 By vote abated John Wesons rate on his Real Estate all the above in the hands of Eben'r Wadsworth Late Constable

8 By vote accepted Capt Nath'l Shermans account for bringing Powder from Boston for this town in the year 1774 — £1-4-0

Nath'l Sherman Moder'r

The following persons took their oaths to the faithful Discharge of y'r offices to which they were Chosen at y annual meeting 1782
For Treasurer & assessor James Whipple Const. Jon'a Stow & Eli'a Sherman assessors Dan'l Hayden Tythingman Cyrus French Sealer of Leather Jon'a Wheler David Sherman for Surv'r Jon'a Hall Ted'r Ray Shim'a Leland & Stephen Eager Surveyors & Collectors of the highway rate
Joshua Turner Aaron Kimball & Sol'n Stow Hogriff
Feb'y 13th 1783 Eli'a Sherman was sworn to the faithful discharge of his office as Surveyor of Lumber Before Ben'a Goddard Just. Pac.

Worcester ss To Mr James Whipple Constable for Grafton

Greeting

You are Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Towns meting house in said Grafton on monday the nineteenth day of this instant August at one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act as fallows viz —

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To hear two Court acts read respecting paying in the State tax & also to hear a Circular Letter sent from Levi Lincoln Esq. and act on them as they may think propper

3 To See if the town will order their Treasurer to receive all the new Emition money in the hands of Nath. Batchellor Late Constable that he Crossed rates for under the new Emition act or act thereon as they may think propper

4 To See if the town will order their Treasurer to receive all the new emition money in the hands of Joseph Perry Jr. Late Constable that he Crossed rates for under the new emition act or act thereon as they shall think propper

5 To See if the town will abate the minister & meeting house rate assessed on Ambros Chase in the hands of Nath. Batchellor Late Constable

6 For the town to Come into Some method to Glaze and Compleat the Repair of the outside of the meeting house or act thereon as they may think propper

7 To accept town Debts

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meting —

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Twelveth day of August A D 1782 —

Benja Goddard
Ephm Thurman
Nath. Ward
John Goulding
Selectmen of Grafton

Return —

Pursuant to this warrant I have warned all y votable Inhabitants to meet at the time & plan within mentioned

Grafton August 19th 1782 James Whipple Constable —

August 19 1782 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as fallows viz —

1 By a vote Chose Nath. Ward Moderator

2 Voted that it be the minds of the town to Enable the Constable to pay into the Treasury the State tax as Soon as poss[ible] & that usual method of paying in the tax is not agreable to the minds of the Town

3 Put to vote whether town will order the Treasurer to receive all the new emition money now in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor agreable to the 3[d] artile in s[d] warrant & it pass[d] in y[e] Negative

4[th] Put to vote whether the town will order the Treasurer to receive all the new-emition money now in the hands of Joseph Parry Late Const[le] agreable to the 4[th] art[l] & it pass[d] in the Negative

Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to Look into the affair of Nath[l] Batchellor & Joseph Parry Jun[r] respecting the New emition money now in y[e] hands agreable to the third & fourth artile in the warrant

By a vote Chose Simon Bruce
Benja Garfield } a Committe
& Parley Batchellor } for y[e] purpose

5 Put to vote whether the town will abate the Minister & meeting house rate assess on Ambros Chase of Sutton in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor Late Constable and it pass[d] in the affirmative

Voted to Instruct the above Committee to Enquire what the real cause of so much of the New emition money is now in the hands of the two Constables refered to in the 3[d] & 4[th] artiles in the warrant & who is Blame worthy and make report to the town in future time

By vote adjourned this meeting to the 28[th] of this instant August at one oclock afternoon to the meeting house Nath[l] Ward Mod[r]

August 28[th] 1782 The town met pursuant to adjournment

The vote was put the second time whether the Treasurer shall Receive all the New emition money now in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor & Joseph Parry Jun[r] agreable to the 3[d] & 4[th] artiles in the warrant & it pass[d] in the Negative

* 6[th] Voted that the meeting house Committee Glaze Colour & Compleat the repair of the outside of the meeting house & porches with the Greatest speed & in the Best manner they can. also to Give their Security in behalf of the town for money Labour & materials as they may find it Necessary

* accepted the above Committes report the substance of which was that they were dissatisfied with that the real cause of so much money being in s[d] mens hands was

Nath[l] Ward Moderator

Worcester ss To M[r] James Whipple Constable for the town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of said Grafton to meet & assemble at the towns meeting house in s[d] Grafton on monday the 25[th] day of this instant September at one oClock afternoon then & there to act as follows viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To Grant a sum of money to pay the charges that have arisen by Daniel Bruce Last sickness

3 To abate the rates assess[d] on Phinehas Chamberlain for hiring three years men in the year 1781 in the hands of Daniel Warrin Late Constable

4 To abate a State rate assess[d] on Phinehas Chamberlain in the hands of Daniel Warrin Late Constable which rate was assessed on the poll

5 To abate the rates assess'd on Roberton Flagg in the hands of Joseph Perry Jun.r Jon.a Wheler & James Whipple former & present Constables or act thereon as they may think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this thirteenth day of September A.D 1782

Benj.a Goddard
Eph.m Sherman
Nath.l Ward
John Goulding
} Select-men of Grafton

Return

Pursuant to this warrant I have warned all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place within-mentioned James Whipple Constable

September 23.d 1782 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceed as fallows viz

1 By a vote Chose Nath.l Ward Moderator

2 Voted to Grant a Sum of money to pay the Charges that have arisen by Dan.l Drury Last Sickness

Then by a vote Dismiss.d the 2.d article

3 Put to vote whether y.e town will abate the rate assess'd on Phin.s Chamberlain in the hands of Daniel Warrin late Constable said rate were for hiring Continental Soldiers and is 13/ in the whole Pass.d in the affirmative

4.th pass.d by

5.th Put to vote whether the town will abate y.e rates assess.d on Roberton Flagg in the hands of Joseph Perry Jun.r Jon.a Wheler & James Whipple former & present Constable and it pass in the affirmative Nath.l Ward Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr. James Whipple Const.le for Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton assemble at the Town's meeting-house in said Grafton on monday the Eleventh day of Nov.r Instant at one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act as fallows viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for s.d meeting

2 To See if the town will order the old windows of the meeting house and also some new Shingles & Clabords Left in Repairing the Meeting-house to be Sold and in what manner they will think Sold or act thereon as they may think proper

3 To See if the Town will Bank up the meeting-house and procure Stone steps Sufficient for the Doors of the Porches and place the Same and in what manner they will do it or act thereon as they may think proper

4 To Grant money to Defray Town Charges

5 For the town to hear and determine on the account sent from East Sudbury by Joshua Kendall and Dr. William Ward for Doctoring and Nursing Lois Drury

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and seal at Grafton this seventh day of November AD 1782 —

Benja Goddard
Ephm Sherman
Nath Ward
John Goulding
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcesterss pursuant to this warrant I have warned all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place within mentioned

Grafton Novr 11th 1782 James Whipple Constable

Novr 11th 1782 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz

1. By vote Chose John Whipple moderator
2 Voted that the meetinghouse Committee be Directed to sell the Glass & other stuff mentioned in the second article in the warrant in the best manner they can
By a vote adjourn'd this meeting to ye 18th day of this instant Novr at one oClock afternoon to the meating house

John Whipple Moderator

November 18th 1782 The town met according to adjournment
3 put to vote whither the town will Bank up the meeting house & procure stone steps &c agreable to the 3d article in the warrant past in the affirmative
Voted to have a Committee of Seven men to see that the house is Banked & stone steps procured & placed agreable 3 article By vote Chose Thomas Bucknell
Jona Stow
Joel Brooks
Benja Goddard
Jno Sherman
John Whipple
& Moses Holbrook
} for said Committee

John Whipple Moderator

Worcesterss To Mr James Whipple Constable for the town of Grafton — Greeting —

you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the town meetinghouse in s Grafton on monday the Sixth day of Janr next at one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act as follows viz
1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 To see if the town Chuse a Committee to Reckon and settle with the former Committee chosen to repair the meetinghouse or act thereon as they may think proper
3 To see if the town will order the Committee Chosen formerly to repair the meetinghouse to go on and Repair the inside of s House or act respecting s affair as they may think proper
4 To Chuse wardens agreable to a Late act of Court
5 For the town to make some provision for the support of Abigail Howston or act thereon as they may think proper
6 To Grant money to defray town Charges
7 To see if the town will order the Schoollot to be Sold and to Rent the money for the use of Schooling or any other use that may be of most Each Individual in the town

8 To see if the town will abate the minister and meeting house rate assess.d on Timothy Fisher in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable

9 To accept town debts

10th To hear the account of Joshua Kendall and Doct.r William Ward of East Sudbury for Boarding Nursing and Doctoring Lois Bruce and determine thereon as they may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and seal at Grafton this Eighteenth day of December A.D. 1782

Benj.a Goddard
Samuel Flagg
Nath.l Eaton
John Goulding
} Selectmen of Grafton

the return as followeth

Worcester ss Pursuant to this warrant I have warned all the Qualified Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time and place within mentioned

Grafton Jan.y 6th 1783 Jamis Whipple Constable

January 6th 1783 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows

1 By a Vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator

2 Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to Reckon and settle with meeting house Committee agreable to the 2d artcle in the warrant

By vote Chose Timothy Sherman Elisha Brigham & Lt Jon.a Stow a committee for that purpos

3 By vote ordered the Committee formerly Chosen to repair the meeting house to go on & finish repairing the inside of said house

By vote impowered the meeting house Committee to give Security for money or Lumber in behalf of the Town to carry on the repair of s.d meeting house

Voted to have a Committee of 5 men to Supply the meeting house Committee with money &c

By a vote Chose Col.o Luke Drury
Joseph Merriam Jr.
Dr Jon.a Wood
Perley Batchellor
& Lt Moses Hayden
} Committee for that purpose

4th article Voted to pass over

5 By vote ordered the Selectmen to Borrow £9-15 to pay an order Lately Given by s.d Selectmen for Abigail Stanton Support

6 By vote Granted £200 to Defray Town Charges

7th Put to vote whether the town will order the School lot to be sold and appropriate the Interest of the money annually for ~~the~~ schooling for ever and it pass'd in the affirmative —
Voted to have a Committee of three men to Sell the School-lot
By vote Chose Jonathan Stow Joseph Brown & Ebenezer Wheeler for said Committee
Voted that the Committee Divide the School-lot into five parts or lots in order for Sale and that sd Committee Sell sd School-lot and ~~that the~~ Give three years pay-day if it Suits the purchaser but the purchaser or purchasers Giving Good Security for sd Land with Sufficient Bondsmen and paying the Interest annually
Voted that sd Committee Give title to the purchaser or purchasers of sd Land in Behalf of the town when Sold and that the Security Given for said Land Shall run to the Treasurer of this town or Surveyor in sd office
And that sd School-land Shall be Sold at Vendue & by Lots —
8th Put to vote whether the town will abate the minister and meeting house rate of Timothy Fisher in the hands of Nath[a] Batchellor Late Constable and it pass'd in the affirmative
By vote adjourned this meeting to monday the 13th day of this instant Jan[y] — to the meeting house one o'clock afternoon

Perley Batchellor Moderator

January 13th 1783 The town met according to adjournment and proceeded to audit town debts
By vote accepted of Elisha Brigham's Bill for taking care of & providing articles for Daniel Brown in his last Sickness the Sum Total is — £ 3-11-7-0
accepted of Perley Batchellors Bill for providing for sd Brown — 1-18-7-0
accepted John Whipples acct for doing for Brown — 1-19-5 —
Accepted Phin[s] Leland's acct for providing for sd Brown 2-7-9 —
Accepted of Ant[o] Adams's Bill for provid for sd Brown 1-12-2 —
accepted of John Whipples Bill for paying Dr Freeland for Doctoring Dan[l] Brown &c — 1-7-6 —
Accepted the Last years Selat mens acct for paying Dr Elen[r] Mors for visiting Daniel Brown in his Last Sickness — 0-12-0 —
Accepted Tim[o] Sherman's acct for Boarding and taking care of John Howe Eleven weeks — 6-12-0
Accepted Nath[l] Wards acct for Boarding Jn[o] Howe 5 Weeks 1-0 —
accepted of Perley Batchellors acct for Boarding Hannah Philips two weeks — 4-0 —
Accepted of Joseph Browns acct for paying for Labour done at the meting house said Sum is on Interest from the 18 of Dec[r] 1780 till paid — 4-11-6
on the 3d art. the town Chose Moses Holbrook a Committee man in the room of Moses Hayden
By vote added two to the Committee of Supplies agreable to the third article viz Elijah Drury & William Brigham

Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr James Whipple Constable for the Town of Grafton.

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble & meet at the town's meeting house in said Grafton on Monday the third day of March next at Eight oClock A.M then & there to act as follows viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 Chuse Town officers for the Currant year
3 To take into Consideration the affair of Doctor Darlings suing the last years Selectmen and act thereon as they may think proper
4 To hear the report of the Town Treasurer and act thereon as they think proper
5 For the Town to order the Schooling for present year
6 To suffer the Swine to run at large the present year if they see cause
7 To adopt some measure for a settlement with Doctor Frink
8 For the Town to order what shall be Given pr day for man and Team to work at highways the present year
9 For the Town to allow those Squeadrons that have not had their part of Schooling the last year to draw their part of money for that purpose
10 To hear the report of a Committee Chosen of Late to reckon & Settle with the meeting house Committee and act thereon as they may think proper
11 To see if the Town will allow Ebenezer Fuller the money taken from him by distress for the minister & meeting house rate in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor Late Constable
12 To abate the minister & meeting house rate of Henderson Walker
13 To abate y minister & meeting house rate of Josiah Pecs
14 To abate y minister & meeting house rate of Jabathan Fay
15 To abate the Minister & meeting house rate of Peter Pratt
16 To abate y Minister & meeting house rate of Nath[l] Batchellor
17 To abate All y rates of Jedediah Cleaveland all in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor Late Constable
18 To accept Town Debts

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 19th day of Feb[y] 1783

Benj[a] Goddard
Sam[l] Flagg
Ephr[m] Thomas
Nath[l] Ward
John Goulding
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worc: ss pursuant to this warrant I have warned all the votable Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time & place within mentioned
Grafton march 3 1783
James Whipple Constable

March 3 1783 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Dr Timothy Darling moderator

2 Voted to have five Select men

By vote Chose Perley Batchellor
Colo Luke Drury
Moses Holbrook
Timo Meriam
& Hathe Adams
} Select men

By vote Chose Benja Goddard Town Clerk

By vote Chose Joseph Meriam Junr Town Treasurer

Voted to have three assessors

By vote Chose Lt Jonathan Stow
Benja Goddard
& Timo Sherman
} assessors

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour to the meetinghouse Timothy Darling Moderator

On adjournment the Town being met proceeded as follows

Voted to have Two Constables

By vote Chose Dr Joseph Wood & Abner Stow Junr Constables

Voted to Chuse the rest of the officers by hand vote

Voted to have three Tythingmen By vote Chose Capt Josh Hipple Nath Ward & Amos Davis Tythingmen & Collectors of highway rate

Voted to have 7 Surveyors By vote Chose

Thomas Bicknell
Paul Marfield
Moses Hayden
Zadock Putnam
Ezekl Brigham Jr
Zebedee Redding
& Benja Garfield
} Surveyors & Collectors of highways taxes

Voted to have 6 Hogreives

By vote Chose Isaiah Farbank
Noah B Kimball
Josiah Holbrook
Moses Harrington Jr
Zebulun Daniels
& Jona Forbush
} Hogreives

Voted to have 3 fenceviewers

Chose Colo Luke Drury
Capt Jos. Warrin
& Benja Rockwood
} fenceviewers

Voted to have 2 field Drivers

By vote Chose
Capt Nath Sherman
& Amos Davis
} field-Drivers

By vote Chose Capt Zebedee Redding Sealer of Leather

By vote Chose Benja Heather Sealer of Lumber

Voted to have two firewards By vote Chose David Stow & Solo Goodell firewards

Voted to have 2 wardens By vote Chose Colo Jno Goulding & Lt Jos Bruce wardens

art 3 Voted to Chuse a Committee of 3 men two of which are to be inhabitants of Grafton and the other one out of Town to make a Settlement with Doctor Timo Darling respecting the act he hath done the Town for mentioned in the 8th article By vote Chose Doctor Samuel Scambell Colo Luke Drury & Simon Bruce for sd Committee also voted & agreed to by both parties that the judgment the said Committee shall bring in respecting sd account shall be Decisive

By vote adjourned this meeting to monday the tenth of this instant march at one oClock afternoon to the meetinghouse

Timo Darling Moderator

March 10th 1783 The town met according to adjournment and adjourn'd for fifteen to the house of Solomon Prentice

Timothy Darling mod.r

The town being met on adjournment proceeds as follows

art 5th Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men to manage the School the present year By vote Chose Tho.s Bicknell / Benj.a Goddard / Jon.a Wheeler / Benj.a Garfield / & Joseph Merriam.jr } for s.d Committee

6th Put to vote whether the town will suffer the swine to run at large the Currant year & it pass'd in the affirmative

7 Voted to Chuse a man to draw money out of the Treasury and settle with Doctor Frink on the best term he can By vote Chose Nath.l Ward for that purpose

8 Voted to allow ~~a~~ a man 3/ per day from this time to the first day of may next & 4/ pr day from that time to the first day of September and after that time 3/ pr day to the Last of october following

Likewise voted to allow 1/6.d pr day for oxen the whole term and nine pence per day for Cart the Whole term

art 3 Voted to Leave the affair now in dispute between Doctor Darling and the town (mentioned in the 3.d article) with the Select men then in being and the present Select men to make a final settlement.

9 Put to vote whether the town will allow those Squadrons which have not had their part of shooting Last year to draw their part of money for that purpose

10 Put to vote whether the town will accept the Committees report Chosen to settle with the meeting house Comm.te So Called and it pass'd in the Negative

11 Put to vote whether the town will allow Ebenezer Sadler the money taken from him by Distress for the minister & meeting house rate in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable Pass'd in the Negative

12 By vote abated the minister & meeting house rate of Henderson Walkup in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable

13 By vote abated the minister & meeting house rate of Josiah Sees in y.e hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Const.t

14 Put to vote whether the town will abate the minister and meeting house rate of Jonathan Fay in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Const.t Pass'd in the Negative

15 Put to vote whether the town will abate the minister & meeting house rate of Peter Pratt in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable Pass'd in the Negative

16 Put to vote whether the town will abate the rates of Jedediah Cleaveland in the hands of Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable Pass'd in the Negative

17 Put to vote whether the town abate the minister & meeting house rate of Nath.l Batchellor in his own hand pass'd in the Negative

18th Proceeded to accept town debts

By vote accepted of a Bill brought in by Jonathan Fosdick for Clasping the town settling a valuation and making rates ——— £2-14-0

Accepted of Thomas Axtells act for Boarding Hannah Philips forty four weeks ——— 4-8-0

Accepted of Timothy Sherman's acct for making rates &c £2-14-0
Accepted of Elijah Brown acct for taking care of the meeting
house & minding the pound ——— 0-15-0
Accepted the Select men's acct for paying Wm Arnold for
the support of Abigail Newton £4-10 and for paying
Doctor Drink five Dollars Sum total ——— £6-0-0
Sd Sum is on Interest from the 21st of Feb 1783 —
Accepted of Amariah Prestons acct for 3 months Schooling 16-0
Accepted of Phins Leland's acct for Boarding a School-
master at 6s p week five weeks ——— 1-16-0
accepted of Phins Leland's acct for plank for the town 2-3-0
also accepted another acct of S Leland for rum in raising
the Great Bridge ——— 0-5-4
Accepted John Whipple's acct for Boarding Schoolmaster 1-4-0
accepted Col. John Goulding's acct for Schooling Wm Howe 13-2-0
accepted Abner Stow Jr acct for Boarding a
Schoolmaster two weeks ——— 0-12-0
Accepted of Joshua Kendall's acct for
Nursing Boarding & taking care of Lois Drew
brought against the Select men Sum total — 3-12-8
Accepted of Doc. Wm Ward's acct for Doctoring
Lois Drew when sick at Joshua Kendall of E. Sudbury — 4-3-8
Said Acct. Brot against the Select men
By a vote Chose Andrew Adams assessor in the room of
Benja Goddard ———

By vote adjourn this meeting to monday the 17th day
of this instant march to the meeting house at one of
the Clock afternoon Timothy Darling Moderator

March 17 1783 The town met according to adjournment
& proceeded further to accept town debts
Accepted of Joseph Meriam Jr acct for making rates &c £2-11-0
Accepted another acct of Sd Meriam for keeping ye Treasury 2-8-0
accepted of Col. John Goulding's acct for time spent about
the meeting house &c ——— 1-7-6
Accepted of Capt Aaron Kimballs acct for time
spent in providing materials for the meeting house 1-2-0
Accepted of Doctor Darling's acct for Doctoring John Howe 1-2-0
By vote accepted the Report of the Town-Treasurer
which is as follows viz & Sign'd Timothy Darling Moderator

Grafton Feb 28th 1783

Then Reckoned with the Treasurer and find in the Treasury
£29040 of old Continental money and of New Emition
money 269 Dollars and hard money not accounted for —
£685-11-4 Exclusive of the £80 Grant for the repair
of highways Last year and all other Highway arrearages

Errors Excepted
Joseph Meriam Jr Town Treasurer

Benja Goddard
Eph. Sherman
Nath. Ward
John Goulding
Selectmen of Grafton

Accepted a report of the Committee Chosen to reckon with the meetinghouse Committee so Called viz^t Wethe subscribers being a Committee Chosen by the town of Grafton to Reckon & Settle with the former Com^t Chosen to repair y^e meetinghouse in Grafton Respecting the repair of the outside of S^d house Which is now Completed that we have waited on S^d Com^t & Report viz^t That we have Examined y^r Book of accompts and find that the Principle part of y^r acc^ts have been Examined by Com^ts heretofore and accepted by the Town also we find the Sum of one hundred & forty pounds Which the above Committee Gave to Lt James Whipple & M^r Dan^l Warrin to Complete the repair of the outside of S^d house Which has not been Laid before y^e town But S^d Committee have rec^d an order from the Select-men upon the Town Treasurer for that Sum of money We find also in y^e Com^ts hands Which is Due to the town Seven pounds fourteen Shillings & Eleven pence Except a mistake we find in Jonas Hemenways acc^t of Eight Days work £1-14 Equal to Good money in the year 1774 Which is to be taken out of the above Sum of £7-14-11 Also we find in the old Emition of Continental Currency on hand in Dollars 364 1/3 Continental Emition yet to Collect in Dollars 118 and one Eight Dollar Bill new Emition york money also 1000 Clabords on hand at Warwick & 500 Do at y^e meetinghouse & one thousand Shingle at the meetinghouse also one hogshead of Stock^d Lime and one Carmint of old Glass Belonging to y^e meetinghouse & one Ladder all Which are the town prosperty

Grafton March 6th 1783 — Jon^a Stow, Tim^o Sherman, Elisha Brigham } Committee for Grafton

By vote abated 15/ of the minister & meetinghouse rate of Jonathan Day in the hands of Nath^l Batchellor Late Const.

By vote abated 18/ of the minister & meetinghouse of Nath^l Batchellor in his own hands Late Constable

By vote abated the minister & meetinghouse rate of Peter Pratt in the hands of Nath^l Batchellor Late Const^e

By vote Chose Benj^a Goddard assessor in room of Lt Stow

By vote Chose Lt. Jon^a Stow assessor in room of And^w Adams

Voted to Chuse 3 men for a Com^te of Corrispond^e

By vote Chose Col^o Luke Drury, Nath^l Ward & Capt Jos Warrin } for S^d Committee

By vote adjourn^d to y^e first monday in aprill next at one oclock PM to the meetinghouse

Tim^o Darling Wood

April 7th 1783 The Town met according to adjournment and proceeded to anept town debts

Accepted of Silas Warrins acct. for Boarding Hannah Philips four Weeks at 1/6 p.r week ——— £0-6-0

Accepted of Timo Meriams acct. for Boarding a School master Ten weeks ——— 3-0-0

Accepted of Wm Brigham acct for providing a School master & Boarding him ten weeks & four days 8-9-8

accepted Jabez Lathes acct for time Spent in framing the Great bridge ——— 0-18-0

Voted to Leave it with the Select-men to adjust the Last years Surveyors account & Give the said Surveyor orders on the Treasurer for a settlement

accepted the report of the Committee Chosen to Settle with Doctor Darling on account of his Doctoring Danl Drury in his last sickness the sum of which was that Dr Darling shall have for his Service & medicins ——— £33-10-0

Timothy Darling Wor

Worcester ss To Dr Joseph Wood one of the Constables for the Town of Grafton. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required to notify & warn all the Votable Inhabitants in s.d Town Qualified to vote for a Governor Lt Governor & Senators to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on the first Monday of April next Two Oclock P.M. to act on the following articles viz

1 To vote for a Governor
2 To Vote for a Lt Governor
3 To Vote for Senators

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon To some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & seal at Grafton this Twenty fifth day of March A.D. 1783 Perley Bathelor
Luke Drury
Moses Holbrook
Timo Meriam
Nath.l Adams
Selectmen of Graf

Worcester ss Grafton April 7th 1783

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have warned and notified all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place within mentioned Joseph Wood Const

April 7th 1783 The Town met according to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1 Brot in two votes for His Excellency John Hancock Esq.r
2 Brot in one vote for Hon.r Thomas Cushing Esq.r Lt Governor

Turn over

3 Brought in votes for Senators as follows viz
one for Samuel Baker Esq
one for Jonathan Ward Esq
one for Isrd Nichols Esq
one for Moses Gill Esq
one for Joseph Ward Esq
} Senators
attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Mr Abner Howe Constable for Grafton &
Northborough in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are required forthwith to notify & warn all the
free holders and other qualified voters in the Town of
Grafton to meet & assemble at the town meeting house
in said Grafton on monday the Seventh day of April
next at 3 oclock afternoon then & there to act on the
following articles viz.

1 To chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 To hear the petition of William Binford disputing
the rate assessed on him in the hands of Jona. Wheeler
late Constable and act thereon as they shall think proper
3 To abate the rate assessed on Stephen Prentice in the hands
of Daniel Warrin late Constable
4 To grant money to repair highways for the present year
5 To hear and accept the report of the Committee chosen
to make sale of the School Land or act thereon as
they shall think proper
6 To hear the petition of Mr Jonathan Howe & others
for a meeting room in the front Gallary to accomodate
the singers and act thereon as they shall think proper
7 To grant a sum of money for the support of Abigail
Hunter if needful and give such Direction as they
shall think proper for said Abigail's support or
act thereon as they shall see cause
8 To grant liberty to the Constables to warn the Town-
meetings by setting a copy at each meeting house
or act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant
with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before
the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this
twenty seventh day of march A D 1783

Jerahmeel Bakers Esq
Moses Hobbrook
Timothy Miriam
Nath Adams
} Select men
of Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to the within precept I have notified & warned all the
freeholders and other inhabitants of Grafton
qualified to vote in meeting assembled at the
time & place and for the purposes therein
expressed Grafton April 7th 1783
Abner Howe 1st Constable

April 7th 1783 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning
and proceeded as follows viz.
1 By vote Choose Perley Batchelor moderator
2 Put to vote whether the town will abate the meeting house rate
assessed on the poll of Wm Shepherd in the hands of Lot Wheeler
late Constable and it pass'd in the affirmative
3 Put to vote whether the town will abate the rates assessed on the
Estate in the hands of Daniel Waring late Constable
and it pass'd in the affirmative
4 By vote Granted £80 to repair highways the present year
5 accepted the School-lot Committees report which is as follows viz
We the Subscribers being a Committee Chosen by the town of Grafton
to Sell the School-lot so Called Lying in the town of Grafton
Do report as follows viz
That we the said Committee have renewed Bounds of the Town
of Land and have Surveyed the above said Land by the hand of
Capt Nathan Fisher and find that there is Twenty one acres
Exclusive of the highway that Leads through s'd Land and have
a plann Drawn of the whole lot and have Divided s'd Land into five
lots viz No 1: 2: 3: 4 & 5 containing four acres and thirty two rods
in each Lott and have Sold s'd Land at a Publick Vendue to the
highest bidder for £250-4-8 and have given Bonds in behalf of
the town of Grafton to the Several Purchasers of s'd Land and
have taken Security with Bonds given for Payment of the purchase
agreable to the vote of s'd Town also have taken back what Payments
was paid Down by the Purchasers when they first
Also the Cost & Charge that the School Committee have been
at in money paid Down in Surveying s'd Land and Drawing
and Giving Security is £2-18 Exclusive of our time &c
Which we offer to the town for their acceptance
Grafton April 2d 1783 Jon'a Stow } Committee
Jos. Brown
Ebenr Wheeler for
6 By vote Granted the ~~three~~ first Second and third Articles
front Galary on the men Side for the singers to
agree &c
refered to in the Warrant as Set forth in the petition
7 By vote Granted £ to towards the support of the
Gospel
By vote order the present Select men to draw
of the Treasury for the support of the Gospel
8 Voted for Conference with the Select men & Constables
in what manner to have the Town meeting
the present year
Perley Batchelor Moderator

Worcesterss To Doc. Joseph Wood Constable of Grafton Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are
hereby Required forthwith to notify & warn all the Inha-
bitants of the town of Grafton that are qualified agreable
to the Constitution to vote for a Representative to meet
and assemble at the towns meeting house in s.d Grafton
on Fryday the 16th day of this instant may at two
Oclock P M Then & there to act on the following article
Viz to chuse a man to Represent the town of Grafton
in the General Court to be holden at Boston
for the Common-wealth of Massachusetts on the
Twenty-eighth day of this instant may or to act
thereon as they Shall think proper
Here of fail not & make Due return of this Warrant
with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before
the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton
this fifth day of may A D 1788

Perley Batchellor
Luke Drury
Moses Holbrook
Wm Merriam
Nath.l Adams
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcesterss in obedience to the within
Warrant I have warn.d the inhabi-
tants of Grafton to meet & assemble
at the plaw & time within
appointed Jos. Wood Constable

May 16th 1788 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning
and proceeded as follows viz
The vote was put whether the town will Send a man
to Represent them at General Court the year Ensuing
and it pass.d in the affirmative
By vote adjourn.d this meeting till 4 Oclock at this plaw
On adjournment the town met & proceed as follows viz
By vote made Choice of Doctor Joseph Wood to Represent
the town in the General Court agreable to the warrant
Voted that the town Give their Representative Instruction
Voted to have a Committee of five men to draw up instruc-
tions to lay before the town for their acceptance
By vote Chose { Capt Nath.l Sherman Col.o John Goulding
Lt Thos Bicknell Col.o Luke Drury
& Capt Zebedee Keding for s.d Committee
By vote adjourn.d for one hour to hear the report of the Com.t
On adjournment the town met and accepted the report of
the Committee which is as follows viz
To Doc. Joseph Wood Representative for the town of Grafton
Sir you are hereby instructed as follows viz first that you
Shall not on any Consideration Give your assent or Consent
to any act &c that Shall Give the most trifling Compen-
sation or Restitution to those Tiled Loialest adherance to the

the Cause of Great Britain or that shall permit them Ever to return to Live in this State

That you shall not Give your assent or Consent to any Officer or Soldier for any pay, any otherwise than according to Contract And that you will obey Such & Such Instructions as said Town shall See Cause to Give you from time to time ~~[illegible]~~ all which we Submit to the town for acceptance

Grafton may 16 1783 Signed by Nath[l] Sherman, John Goulding, Tho[s] Bicknell, Luke Drury, & Zebedee Kidding } Committee

The above Voted that ~~[illegible]~~ town ~~[illegible]~~ further Instruct ~~[illegible]~~ Representatives of the Constantly attend the Court while Sitting ~~[illegible]~~

Attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Doctor Joseph Wood Constable for the Town of Grafton you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Votable Inhabitants of s[d] Grafton to meet at assembly at the s[d] Towns meeting house on Fryday the Sixteenth day of May Current at three of the Clock afternoon to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To accept town debt

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting Given under our hands and seal at Grafton this fifth day of may A[d] 1783

Perley Batchellor, Luke Drury, Moses Holbrook, Timothy Meriam, Nath[l] Adams } Selectmen for Grafton

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet at the Time & place within appointed

May 16th 1783 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning proceeded as follows viz

1 By a vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator

2 Put to vote whether the town will abate the rates assessed on John Daniels in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor Late Constable and it pass[d] in the Negative

3 proceeded to accept town debt

By vote accepted a Bill Brought in by William Brigham for providing a Schoolmaster Eight weeks at 6/ p[r] week and boarding Do[r] at 4/ p[r] week Sam total £ 4-0-0

By vote allowed Doctor Adams account for his assistance in amputating Daniel Druces Leg £ 0-10-0

Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Abner Stow Junr one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton

Sr In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to notify and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants Qualified agreable to the Constitution to vote for a Representative to meet and assembld at the towns meeting house in S. Grafton on monday the 26th day of may Currant at 3 oclock afternoon then & there to act upon the fallowing articles viz 1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 For to Dismiss Doctor Joseph Wood from the trust reposed in him as serving Representative the present year agreable to a petition of Benja Garfield and others or act thereon as they may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 19th day of may AD 1783

Perley Batchellor
Luke Drury
Timothy Merriam
Nath: Adams
Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to this warrant to me Directed I have notified all the free holders & other Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified voters to meet & assembld at time & place & for the purpose set forth Grafton may 19 1783 Abner Stow Junr Constable

May 26th 1783 the town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as fallows viz

1 By vote Chose Jonathan Wheeler Moderator

2 The vote was put Whether the town will Dismiss Doctor Joseph Wood from serving Representative for S Town the present year (pass in y negative

attest Jonathan Wheeler Moderator

The Town officers Chosen for the year 1783 & the[r] after named were sworn to the faithful discharge of their respective offices viz

Joseph Merriam Jr Town Treasurer - Jon[a] Stow Tim[o]. Sherman & Benja Goddard assessors. Thos Bicknell Paul Warfield Moses Hayden Jr Ebed[r] Ewing Jadok Putnam Ezek[l]. Brigham Jr & Benja Garfield Surveyors & Collectors of the highway tax

Dr Joseph Wood & Abner Stow Jr Constables

Luke Drury for Warrin & Benja Rockwood fence viewers

Joseph Whipple Nath[l] Ward & Amos Davis Sythingmen

John Goulding & Joseph Bruce Wardens

Worcester ss To Dr Joseph Wood one of the Constables of Grafton. In the name of the Common wealth wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby ordered forthwith to notify & warn all the free holders and other Qualified Voters to meet & assemble at the towns meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the 8th day of sept. next at one of the Clock after noon then & there to act on the following articles viz 1 To Chuse a moderator for s.d meeting
2 To accept town Debts
3 To Grant a Sum of money to Defray Town Charges the present year
4 To abate the minister rate assess.d on Ebenezer Sadler in the hand of James Whipple Late Constable
5 To abate the rate assess.d on Joseph Bellows in the hand of James Whipple Late Constable
6 To replace the money to Eben.r Sadler taken by Distress By Nath.l Batchellor Late Constable for his minister rate or act thereon as they shall think proper
7 To hear the report of Daniel Hemminway of Shrewsbury or act thereon as they shall think proper
8th To abate the rate assess.d on Elijah Brace in the hand of Daniel Warrin Late Constable or act thereon as they shall think proper

Here of fail not & make Due return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting — —

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Twenty first day of august 1783

In obedience to this warrant I have warn.d all the voters & Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the time & place within mentioned

Joseph Wood Constable

Selectmen for Grafton

September 8th 1783 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz —

1 By vote Chose Parby Batchellor moderator
2 accepted town Debts as follows viz
accepted a bill Brot in by Stephen Allen for schooling £7-18-6
accepted a bill Brought in by Thos Axtell for taking care of Hannah Philips 27 weeks — — 3-3-0
accepted the Selectmens acct for paying Dr Trink - 7-10-0
accepted of Jonn.a Merians Bill for schooling — — 5-0-0
3 By vote Granted £150 to Defray Town Charges — —
4 By vote abated Eben.r Sadlers minister rate in James Whipples hand
5 By vote abated the rate Joseph Bellows in the hand of James Whipple Late Constable

6th Put to vote whether the town will replace the money taken from Ebenr Sadler by Distress for his minister rate By Nathl Batchellor Late Constable pass'd in the Negative

7

8th Put to vote Whether the town will abate the rate assess'd of Elijah Brown in the hands of Daniel Warrin Late Constable pass'd in the negative

Perley Batchellor Modr

Worcester ss To Mr Abner Stow Junr Constable for the Town of Grafton - -

In the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts you are required forthwith to notify and warn all the free holders and other Qualified Voters in the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the town meeting house in S.d Grafton on monday the fifteenth day of this instant at 3 o'clock after noon then & there to act

1 To Chuse a moderator for s.d meeting - -

2 To hear the petition of Lt Jonas Brown and act thereon as they think proper

3 To the town to order what shall be allowed pr day to Mr Daniel Hemminway for work Done at the meeting house or act thereon as they shall think proper

4 To abate the minister rate assess'd on Timothy Fisher in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & seal at Grafton this Eleventh day of Sept A.D. 1783

Perley Batchellor
Luke Drury
Timothy Moriam
Nathl Adams
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worc.ss In obedience to this warrant to me directed I have warned & notified the free holders and other qualified voters of Grafton to meet at time and place for the purpose set forth in the warrant

Grafton Sept 15 1783 Abner Stow Const.

Sept. 15. 1783 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as followeth viz -

1 By vote Chose Perley Batchellor moderator

2 voted that the Selectmen shall write to Jonas Brown that if he will secure the town by puting any thing in to their hands to secure them or Get any Responsible means Security for the town that they shall let him out of Jail agreable to his petition referred to in the 2d article in the warrant

3d. Voted to order Joseph Brown who Signd a note to Mr Daniel Hemenway as a Committeeman for £ 14-6-8 to pay him £2-17-4 more in addition to Said sum together with the Interest for the whole

4th Put to vote whether the Town will accept the minister rate assessd on Jnno Fisher in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable passd in the affirmative

Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Docr Joseph Wood one of the Constables of the town of Grafton In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Requiered forthwith to notify and warn all the free holders and other Qualified Voters in Sd Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the towns meeting house in Sd Grafton on Tuesday the 30th day of Sept Instant at 3 O'clock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 To hear the petition of Jonas Brown and act thereon as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hand & Seal at Grafton this Twenty sixth day of Sept A 1783

Perley Batchellor } Select men
Luke Drury } of Grafton
Nathl Adams }

Return

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place within Directed

Joseph Wood Constable

Sept 30th 1783 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Benja Rockwood Moderator
2 Put to vote whether the town will take Lt Jonas Brown out of Jail upon his Giving his own Security to the town for the rates he was put in upon according to his Request past past in the negative

Benja Rockwood Moderator

March 9 1776 Ebenezer Maynard of Westborough and Sarah Brigham of Grafton were married Pr Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

April 4th 1776 Samuel Abbee of Chatham in Connecticut and Sarah Leland of Grafton were married Pr Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

July 4th 1776 Thomas Griggs of Sutton and Mary Goddard of Grafton were Joined in Marriage Pr Daniel Grosvenor pastor

August 7th 1776 Daniel Whipple and Martha Adams both of Grafton were married Pr Daniel Grosvenor pastor

October 27th 1776 William Collins & Lydia David both of New-Braintree Joined in marriage Pr Daniel Grosvenor pastor

November 29th 1776 Simon Willard & Hannah Willard both of Grafton were married - Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

March 13 1777 Lewis Leland & Anna Howe Both of Grafton Married

" Elijah Stanton & Hannah Leland Both of Grafton married — Daniel Grosvenor pastor

April 1777 Jonah Goulding of Grafton & Grace Knowlton of Shrewsbury were married Pr Daniel Grosvenor pastor

June 10th 1777 Thos. Axtell Jun. & Deborah Jones both of Grafton were Joined in Marriage Pr Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

June 30 1777 Eleazer Leland of Croyden and Elizabeth Sherman of Grafton were married - Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

October 13th 1777 Wm Town of Rhayatton & Sarah Sherman of Grafton were married Pr Daniel Grosvenor pastor

Nov. 12 1777 Jonathan Melvin of Conway & Beulah Leland of Grafton Joined in marriage Pr Daniel Grosvenor pastor

Dec. 25 1777 Joseph Wood and Martha Willard Both of Grafton were married Pr Daniel Grosvenor pastor

Jan 29th 1778 Jon. Robinson & Sarah Taylor Both of Grafton were married — Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

January 30 1778 Elijah Brue & Eunice Rice both of Grafton were married — Daniel Grosvenor pastor

Feb 12th 1778 Jon. Wheeler & Mary Rawson both of Grafton were married Pr Daniel Grosvenor pastor

Feb 26th 1778 James Wheeler & Vikte Bigelow Both of Grafton Married Pr Daniel Grosvenor pastor

March 26th 1778 David Forbush Jun. & Deliverance Goodell Both of Grafton were married — Daniel Grosvenor pastor

June 2 1778 Philemon Stacy & Mary Fairbanks Both of Grafton were married — Daniel Grosvenor pastor

June 8th 1778 Wm Walker & Lucy Fuller both of Grafton Joined in marriage Pr Daniel Grosvenor pastor

June 25th 1778 Ebenezer Leland & Molly Lyon both of Grafton were married Pr Daniel Grosvenor pastor

July 2 1778 Abner Stone of Grafton and Eunice Goodenow of Warwick were married Pr Daniel Grosvenor pastor

July 31 1778 Foster Burnee Negro man of Grafton and Phyllis Negro Woman of Mendon Married — Daniel Grosvenor pastor

August 21 1778 Thomas Leland of Sutton & anna Batchellor
Rawson of Grafton were Join'd in Marriage - Daniel Grosvenor Past-
October 1 1778 Ephraim Whitney Jun.r of upton and Jamima Whipple
of Grafton married D.r Daniel Grosvenor pastor —
Oct.r 8th 1778 Hath.l Batchellor & Betty Wait Both of Grafton
were married D.r Daniel Grosvenor pastor
Nov.r 5th 1778 Gershom Chapin of uxbridge & Mary Sherman
of Grafton married — Daniel Grosvenor pastor
January 21 1779 David W Leland & Mary Rawson Both
of Grafton Joined in marriage D.r Daniel Grosvenor Pastor
March 30th 1779 Ebenr. Lyon & Matilda Boon both of Grafton
were married D.r Daniel Grosvenor Pastor —
June 20th 1779 Reuben Hoit of Abo Braintree and Lucretia
of Grafton married D.r Daniel Grosvenor Pastor
July 18 1779 Daniel Brenton of Grafton & Abigail Stanley
of Medford married D.r Daniel Grosvenor Pastor
July 28th Rev.d Joseph Harror & Miss Mary Brooks Grafton
Joined in marriage D.r Daniel Grosvenor Pastor
August 23d 1779 Joel Brooks & Mary Hall W.d both of
Grafton were married D.r Daniel Grosvenor Pastor
October 3d 1779 John Carryl & Eunice Willard both of
Grafton married D.r Daniel Grosvenor Pastor
Nov.r 25th 1779 Daniel Robbins of westborough and Martha
Miller of Grafton Married D.r Daniel Grosvenor Pastor
March 9 1780 Samuel Richard of Watertown & Rhebe
of Grafton married D.r Daniel Grosvenor Pastor -
May 24th 1780 Thaddeus Reed of uxbridge & Hannah Taylor
Join.d in marriage D.r Daniel Grosvenor Pastor —
July 6th 1780 John Roberts & Tabitha Leland Both of Grafton
married D.r Daniel Grosvenor Pastor —
Sept.r 14th 1780 Enoch Forbush of upton & Mary Batchellor
of Grafton married — Daniel Grosvenor Pastor —
Oct.r 4th 1780 Cyrus French & Susannah Harrington Both
of Grafton Joined in Marriage - Daniel Grosvenor pastor
Oct.r 11 1780 Thos Leland and Lydia Sherman both of Grafton
married in - Daniel Grosvenor pastor
Oct.r 12th 1780 Jon.a Hall & Mary Kimball both of Grafton
also Levi Leland & Sarah Woody of Sutton married
D.r Daniel Grosvenor pastor
Nov.r 28 1780 Simon Wait & Mary Clagg Both of Grafton
Joined in marriage D.r Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

~~Dec^r 4^th [illegible] Daniel Wheelock and Abigail Wheelock Both of [illegible] were joined in Marriage by Mr Daniel Grosvenor Pastor~~

December 11th 1780 Paul Warfield & Elisabeth Taylor both of Grafton Joind in marriage by Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

Dec^r 28th 1780 James Putnam & Elisabeth Willard both of Grafton were married by Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

March 5 1781 Benja White & Hadassah Esther Prentice Both of Grafton Joined in marriage by Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

June 2^d 1781 Daniel Rand & Abigail Rockwood Both of Grafton Joind in marriage by Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

June 28^th 1781 Elipthalet Smith & Beriah Leland both of Grafton married by Daniel Grosvenor pastor

July 26 1781 Nath^l Balch Doctor & Lucy Willard both of Grafton Joind in marriage by Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

August 22 1781 Joshua Turner & Lydia Drury Both of Grafton were married by Daniel Grosvenor pastor

Sept 25 1781 Comfort Chase & Lucy Hoit both of Grafton Joind in marriage Daniel Grosvenor pastor

October 4th 1781 Benja Perham of Upton & Azubah Sadler of Grafton married by Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

October 8 1781 Freeman Clark & anna Braman both of Grafton Married by Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

Oct^r 18 1781 Baron Kimball Jun^r and Molly Goulding both of Grafton were married Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

October 22 1781 Christian Elick & Miriam Flagg both of Grafton were married by Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

November 8th 1781 Porter Burnet of Grafton & Sarah Hector of Sutton Negroes married by Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

March 14 1782 David Temple of Marlborough & Rebekah Brooks of Grafton were married by Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

March 29 1782 Tho^s Fay of Westborough & Mimie Garfield of Grafton were married by Daniel Grosvenor pastor

April 18 1782 Zebulun Daniels & Sarah Brigham both of Grafton Joined in marriage by Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

May 7th 1782 Moses Harrington Jun^r & Hannah Prentice both of Grafton married by Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

Nov^r 28th 1782 Josiah Fairbanks & Molly Goodell both of Grafton were married by Daniel Grosvenor pastor

April 24th 1783 Elipthalet Smith and Betty Brown both Grafton were married by Daniel Grosvenor pastor

November 4th 1782 Jonathan Forbush & Betty Hayden Both of Grafton were Joined in marriage Pr Benja Goddard Jus Peace

December 12th 1782 Noah B: Kimball and Molly Chase Both of Grafton were married Pr Benja Goddard Jus Peace

December 12th 1783 Moses Marsh & Betty Lyon both of Grafton were married Pr Benja Goddard Jus Peace

Worcester ss To Dr Joseph Wood Constable for Grafton

Sr In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to notify and warn all the free holders & other qualified voters in the town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the towns meeting house in sd Grafton on the first monday day of December next at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 To hear the report of the Selectmen respecting Settling Lt Jonas Browns Rates with Daniel Warrin Late Constable or act thereon as they shall think proper
3 To Grant a sum of money to Defray Town Charges
4 To abate the Minister rate assessd on John Chamberlain in the hands of Nath Batchellor Late Constable or act thereon as they shall think proper
5 To order how the money shall be collected for Doctoring and nursing John Howe
6 To Chuse a Committee to Collect the wages of Francis White and Jacob Smith for Service done in the war in the year 1781 or act thereon as they may think proper
7 For the town to order the Treasurer to appropriate all money Granted to Defray Town Charges to the particular purpose Granted for or act thereon as they shall think proper
8 To adjust town Debts

Hereof fail not & make due return of this Warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting. Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Seventeenth day of September AD 1783

Selectmen for Grafton
Perley Batchellor
Luke Drury
Moses Holbrook
Timothy Merriam
Nath Adams

the return

In obedience to this warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton to meet at the time and place within mentioned

Grafton December 1. 1783 Joseph Wood Constable

December 1 1783 the Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator

Turn over

2d Voted that the Selectmen shall give Daniel Warrin an order upon the town Treasurer for the sum of £10-4-10-2 with Interest from October the third 1783 till paid upon said Warrins Giving up a note to the Selectmen of that sum and Date and Moses Holbrooks indorsing a note to the Town Treasurer he hath against Josiah Brown of the same Date and Sum and on Interest

3d By vote Granted £220 to Defray town Charges

4th Put to vote whither the Town will order the town Treasurer to pay back the same sum to John Chamberlain that he was assessed to the minister rate in the hand of Nathl Batchellor Late Constable and it passed in the Negative

5th Voted to have a Committee of one man to Collect the money for Doctoring and Nursing John Howes By vote Chose Doctor Joseph Wood for that purpose by vote impowered Doctor Wood to make a final Settlement with whom it may Concern for the Cost for Doctoring & Nursing John Howes

6 Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to Collect the wages of Francis White and of Jacob Smith for Service done in the war in the year 1781 By vote Chose James Whipple Jno. Johnson & Ezekiel Brigham Esqrs a Comt. for that purpose

7th put to vote & passed in the Negative ——

8th —— Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Abner Stow Constable for Grafton Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required forthwith to notify & warn all the freeholders and other qualified voters in the Town of Grafton to meet and assemble at the towns meetinghouse in sd Grafton on monday the 26th day of January Inst. at one of the Clock after noon then & there to act on the following articles viz ——

1 To Chuse a moderator for sd Meeting ——

2 To hear and Consider a request of the Town of Sutton in showing their minds respecting a late act of the General Court Granting to the Congress the Income of an Impost Duty for twenty five years to dispose of at their own Election by which the sd Court have virtually voted their Consent for the officers five years pay and to Chuse a Committee agreable to sd Request or act thereon as they shall think proper

3d To abate the rates assess'd on Stephen Prentice Junr in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Twelveth day of Janry AD 1784

Perley Batchellor
Moses Holbrook
Timothy Meriam
Nath.l Adams
Selectmen for Grafton

The return

Worcester ss In obedience to the within warrant to me Directed I have notified & warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified voters to meet and assemble at time & place and for the purpose therein set forth

Grafton Janry 26th 1784 Abner Stow Constable

January 26th The town of Grafton met agreable to Warning and proceded to Business

1 By vote Chose Perley Batchellor moderr

2 By vote Chose Nath.l Adams Clerk for said meeting

3 Put to vote whether the town will Chuse a Committee agreable to the Second article past in the affirmative voted so Com.t shall Consist of three men

By vote Chose Capt Nath.l Sherman
Nath.l Ward
& Ephr.m Sherman
for said Committee

Put to vote whether the town will abate the rates assess'd on Stephen Prentice Junr in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable past in the Negative

Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Joseph Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Required forthwith to notify & warn all the freeholders & other Qualified voters in the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in s.d Grafton on monday the first day of march next at Eight o Clock in the forenoon then & there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To Chuse Town officers for the ensuing year

3 To Chuse a Committee to make a settlement with all such Persons as have been Intrusted with the Town money agreable to a petition sign.d by Capt Meriam and others, or act thereon as they shall think proper

4 To abate the rate assess: on Jedidiah Cleaveland
in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor Late Constable
5 To abate the rate assess[d] on William More 5th
of William Brigham Late Constable
6 To accept Town Debts
7 To Grant money to Repair highways for the
present year
8 For the Town to order what shall be allowed
per Day for man & Team for work at highways
the present year
9 To see how the Town will order the School the
present year
10 To see if the Town will suffer the swine
to run at Large the present year
11 For the Town to accept of M[r] Jonathan Wheelers
Generosity in Glazing the Pulpit Window in the
meeting house and act thereon as they shall think
proper
12 To hear the report of the Town-Treasurer
13 To hear the report of the Select-men respecting
the money advanced for the support of Abigail
Newton and act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Due return of
Warrant with your doings thereon to Some one
of us at or before hour of meeting
Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton
this Twelfth day of Feb[y] A[D] 1784

Perley Batchellor } Select-men
Luke Drury } for
Moses Hathorn } Grafton
Nath[l] Adams }

Feb[y] 21[st] 1784 In obedience to
this warrant I have notified
the Inhabitants of the Town
of Grafton to meet at the Time
& place within Directed Joseph Wood Constable

March 8[th] 1784 The Town of Grafton met pursuant
to warning & proceeded as followeth viz
1[st] By vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator
Then By a vote adjourned for five minutes to M[r] Thos
Bicknells Dwelling-house
On adjournment the Town met
2[d] Voted to Chuse five Select-men
By a vote Chose Benja Goddard
James Shipple
Joseph Shipple
Joseph Warren
& Nehemiah Howe } Select-men

By a vote Chose Benja Goddard Town Clerk
By a vote Chose Joseph Mericam jun[r] Town-Treasurer
Voted to have three Assessors
By a vote Chose Jon[a] Howe
Jim[s] Sherman
& Thomas Bicknell } Assessors

By vote adjourn'd for an hour & half to this place
Perley Batchellor Moderator

on adjournment the Town met & proceeded to business
Voted to have two wardens the present year
By vote Chose Abraham Temple & Luther Drury Wardens
Voted to have two Constables By vote Chose John Wheeler & Moses Cutler } Constables
Voted to have a Committee of Correspondence of three men
By vote Chose Nath[l] Ward, Eph[m] Lyon & Benja Walker for said Committee
Then voted to Chuse the rest of the Town officers by hand votes
Voted to have three Tything-men this year —
By vote Chose Andrew Adams, Jo[s] Prentice & Daniel Hayden } Tything-men
Voted to have Seven Surveyors & Collectors of Highway-taxes By vote Chose Moses Holbrook, Eph[m] Sherman, Wm Brigham, Nath[l] Batchellor, Cyrus French, Sam[l] Flagg & Tim[o] Johnson } Surveyors and Collectors
Voted to have Seven Hogreeves for the present year
By vote Chose Noah B Kimball, Eph[m] Brigham J[r], Nath[l] Adams, Josiah Holbrook, Elijah Brooks, Ephalet Smith & Moses Marsh } Hogreeves
Voted to have two Field Drivers Chose Joseph Brue and Nath[l] Sherman for that purpose —
By vote Chose Edm[d] Cutler fine ward —
Voted to have three fine viewers By vote Chose —
Dan[l] Willard Nath[l] Sherman & Joseph Brue fine viewers
By vote Chose Zebedee Kidding Sealer of Leather
By vote Chose Benja Walker Sealer of Lumber
Voted to have two Pound Keepers By vote Chose David Moss and Edm[d] Cutler Pound Keepers for the present year —
and 3[d] Voted to have a Committee of three men agreable to the third article By vote Chose Simon Brue, Benj[a] Garfield & Benja Walker } for s[d] Committee
art 4[th] Put to vote whether the Town will abate the rate assess'd on Judiah Cleaveland in the hands of Nath[l] Batchellor Late Constable pass'd in the affirmative
art 5[th] Put to vote whether the Town will abate the rate assess'd on William Moore in the hands of William Brigham late Constable pass'd in the affirmative

art 7th By vote Granted £60 to repair highways
Voted that mens wages for work at highways
the year Ensuing Shall be 3/ per day from the
fifteenth day of May to the fifteenth of September
and wages for oxen Shall be 1/6 pr day and Cart
Shall be 9d pr day

By vote adjourn'd this meeting to monday the
Eighth day of this Instant march one o Clock
afternoon to the meeting-house

Serby Batchellor Mod'r

March 8: 1784 The Town met according to adjournment
and proceeded to Busines
art. 9th voted to Chuse 5 men as a Committee to manage
and provide the Schooling the present year.
By vote Chose John Whipple
Elisha Brigham
Serby Batchellor
Aaron Kimball
& Thelomith Stow
} Committee

10th voted to have the Swine allowed to run at Large
the present year

By vote acepted of Ebenezer Cutler to Serve Constable
in the room of Mosey Cutler the present year

6 Proceed to accept Town Debts

Accepted of Capt A: Kimballs account for providing
Board for the meeting house ——— £2-4-4
accepted Joseph Meriam Jun'r act for Board-
ing Hannah Philips 18 weeks ——— 2-3-4
Accepts Amos Davis' act for Running the
Line & renewing bounds Between West'b &
Grafton ——— 0-3-0
accepted of Dona Miles' act for keeping
School Six weeks & five days by order of
B. Goddard one of the Committee ——— 3-13-0
accepted of Nath'l Adams' act for peram-
bulating the Line & renewing Bounds Betwixt
West'b & Grafton ——— 0-3-0
Accepts of Elijah Bruces act for taking Care
of the meeting house ——— 0-10-0
Accepted of Jon'a Stow act for making rates &c 2-14-0
accepts Thos Axtells act for Boarding Hannah
Philips Eight weeks at 3/ pr week ——— 1-4-0
accepts of Benja Goddards act for making
rates 7 days 3/ pr day ——— 2-11-0
accepts Wm Holbrooks bill for 160 planks ——— 0-19-0

Accepted of Jno. Shermans account for making - 4
Rakes 17 days at 3/ pr day - - -

2d To hear a Request of the Committee of the several Towns Lately met at Sutton on account of the Impost &c and act thereon as they may think proper.

3d To hear a Request of Timothy Fisher Respecting a road being Laid out & opined from his house to the County road and act thereon as they may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting — — —

Given under our hands & seal at Grafton this fourth day of March A.D. 1784

Benja Goddard
James Whipple
Joseph Whipple
Joseph Warren
Shelo Stow — } Select men for Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to the within warrant to me directed I have notified & warned all & free holders & other Inhabitants of Grafton qualified voters to met at time and place and for the purpose therein set forth

Grafton March 8 1784 Abner Stow Constable

March 8th 1784 the town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz

1. By vote Chose James Whipple Moderator

2d voted to Chuse a Committee of two men to send to Worcester to Join in a Convention agreable to a Request Refered to in the second article

By vote Chose Capt Nathl Sherman & Nathl Ward — } for sd Committee

James Whipple Moderator

March 29th 1784 The town met according to adjournment

Voted to Chuse a Committee of seven men to Egualize accommodating the Town for out the Town in order for Schooling —

By vote Chose Capt Nathl Sherman
Capt Shelo Stow
Capt Aaron Kimball
Jno Johnson
Jno Thos Bicknell
& Benja Garfield } for sd Committee

By vote Granted £20 more to Repair highways

art 11th By vote accepted of Jonathan Wheelers Generosity according to the Eleventh article and ordered the money Jerusd into the Treasury when it is paid

Voted that the Town thank him therefor

By vote accepted of Col. Luke Drurys act for Renewing Bounds between Shrewsbury & Grafton in april 1783

By vote accepted of Capt Noah Brooks act for Serveing in Renewing Bounds as above —— £0-3-0

Accepted Sam. Warrins act for 87 feet of Plank for a Bridge for the town —— 0-8-0

By vote adjourn'd to the 5th of april inst 3 o'clock PM

Perley Batchellor Moderator

april 5th 1784 The town met according to adjournment and proceeded as follows viz after hearing the Report of a Committee Chosen on the third article voted to make an addition of two to said Com; By vote Chose Tho's Bicknell & Perley Batchellor in addition to s'd Committee

Put to vote whether the town will Receive the Continental money viz £349 at one for 200 in silver or the nominal Sum in paper money which the aforesaid Comtee found in Capt. Waring's hands as one of the Committee mentioned in the aforesaid Com'tee Report now read according to his proposal, and it pass'd in the negative

~~voted the following~~

By vote adjourn'd for fifteen minuts

Perley Batchellor Moderator

On adjournment the town met and proceeded to Business Voted the following Instructions to the Committee Chosen by the town to make settlements with those who have Been heretofore Intrusted with Town money that have not made Settlements, viz to call on those we find Indebted to the town or have orders or accompts on the Town and to Discharge all old Collectors & highway Surveyors agreable to the Best of their judgment and if any Refuse to make Settlement s'd Committee be Impower'd to make Settlements according to Law

Perley Batchellor Mod'r

Worcester ss To Mr John Whipple Constable for Grafton Greeting You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn & Notify all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified to vote for a Governor Lt Governor & Senators to assemble at the town meetinghouse in s'd Grafton on monday the fifth day of April next at one o'Clock PM then & there to Bring in their votes for a Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators agreable to the Constitution

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant & your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Twenty sixth day of march A D 1784

Benja Goddard
James Whipple
Joseph Whipple
Joseph Warren
Thelomith Hood

Selectmen for Grafton

Return

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned & notified all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at time & place within mentioned

Grafton April 5th. 1784 John Whipple } Constable

April 5 1784 The town of Grafton pursuant to warning proceeded to the choice of Governor &c

Brot in nine votes for His Excelency John Esq } Governor
and one for the Hon.r John Adams Esq. —

Brot in ten votes for Thomas Cushing Esq. — } Lieut-
& one for Timothy Danielson Esq — — — } Governor

Voted for Senators as follows viz

For Moses Gill	Esq.r	Eight
For Jonathan Warner	Esq.r	Ten
For Seth Washburn	Esq.r	Eight
For Caleb Strong	Esq.r	Ten
For Israel Nichols	Esq.r	Eight
For Samuel Baker	Esq.r	Six
For Daniel Clapp	Esq.r	Five
For Amos Singletary	Esq.r	Three
For Artemas Ward	Esq.r	Two

} Senators

Attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Mr. John Whipple Constable for the Town of Grafton — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts to warn & notify all the votable Inhabitants of this town to assemble at the town meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the fifth day of april next at four o'clock afternoon then & there to act as follows

1st To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting

2d To see if the town will allow the present Constable to warn the town meetings by posting the present year

3d. To hear a Request of Ens.n Joseph Rice's Petitioning a piece of Land which lies open to the road Where the House stands that Mr Pollick lived in and act thereon as they may think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Twenty-Sixth day of March A.D. 1784

Benja Goddard
James Whipple
Joseph Whipple
Joseph Morton
Shelomith Stow

} Selectmen of Grafton

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned & notified all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at time & place within mentioned Grafton April 5th 1784
John Whipple Constable

April 5th 1784 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceed as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Joseph Bruce Moderator

2d voted to Leave the affair with the Selectmen how the Town meeting Shall be warned the pupent year

And Dissolved the meeting Joseph Bruce Moderator

To the Selectmen of Grafton Gent. these may certify you that I have taken into my house & family from Worcester Gore viz Benja Newton & Molly his wife & three Children viz Abigail Esther & Benja also I Benja first aforesaid has taken in a boy to live with him viz

Eben Cutler

Grafton may 1 1784

True Copy attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

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on the 5th day of may 1783 Francis Drake & Sarah his wife Silva Polly & Samuel their Children came from Upton in to the Town of Grafton to Live

attest Benja Goddard
James Whipple
Joseph Whipple
Joseph Warrin
Shelom Ith Stow
} Selectmen for Grafton

True Copy attest B Goddard Town Clerk

All the Town Officers Chosen at the march meeting AD 1784 were Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their respective offices Except the following persons in the following offices viz Colo Luke Drury Warden. Andrew Adams & Daniel Haydon Sythingreen Nath Batchellor Surveyor & Collector Joseph Brun & Capt Nath Sherman field drivers - Dan Willard & Capt N. Sherman fence viewers David Stow & Eben Cutler Tythingmen

attest Benja Goddard Jun. Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Mr. Ebenezer Cuttler Const. for the Town of Grafton Greeting you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified to vote for a Representative to assemble at the towns meeting house in s Grafton on thursday the 13th day of may instant at one o'clock afternoon then & there to Elect one Good & Lawful man Qualified according to the Constitution to Represent s Town in the General Court the year Ensuing

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting — Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Seventh day of may AD 1784

Benja Goddard
James Whipple
Joseph Whipple
Joseph Warrin
Shelom Ith Stow
} Selectmen of Grafton

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return

Worcester ss Pursuant to this warrant I have warned all the Qualified Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the time and place within mentioned

Grafton may 13th 1784 Eben. Cutler Const. &c

May 13th 1784 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & made Choice of Capt Nathaniel Thurman to Represent said Town of Grafton at the General Court the year Ensuing attst Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Mr Ebenezer Cutler Constable for the Town of Grafton - Greeting

You are Required in the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Towns meeting-house in sd Grafton on thursday the thirteenth day of may Instant at 3 o Clock afternoon then & there to act as follows viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2d To abate the rates assess'd on Nathaniel Holbrook in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable
3d To hear the request of Jonas Brown Respecting his rate in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable and to act thereon as they may think proper
4 To accept Town debts

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting -

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Seventh day of may A 1784 Benja Goddard, James Whipple, Joseph Whipple, Joseph Warrin, Shelomith Stow } Select men of Grafton.

Worcester pursuant to the within warrant I have warned all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at time & place within mentioned
Grafton may 13 1784 Ebenr Cutler Constt

May 13th 1784 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Shelomith Stow Moderator
2 put to vote whether the Town will abate the rates assess'd on Nathaniel Holbrook in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable & it pass'd in the Negative
3 Put to vote whether the town will order their Treasurer to take Jonas Browns note for his rates that are in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable pass'd in y Negative
4 proceed to accept Town Debts -

Accepted of Jon. Wheelers Bill for ten weeks Schooling at 4/6 pr Week & Board the same time — £ 3-15-0

accepted of Benja Thurstons acct for Schooling 10½ weeks 10/6d pr week - Board the same time 5/ pr Week 8-2-9

Accepted of Phinr Leland's acct for Boarding a School-master Seven weeks & one day 5/ pr week — 1-15-8-21

acepted Abner Stows act for Boarding a Shool-master nine weeks & two days 5/ pr week ——— £2-6-5

acepted of Shelomith Stows act for Boarding a Schoolmaster six weeks & five days 5/ pr week ——— 1-12-9

acepted of Jona Wheelers act for providing a Schoolmaster fiew weeks 11/ pr week and to fiew weeks Bourding D master 5/ pr week —— 2-15-0 / 1-5-0 / 4-0-0

Shelomith Stow Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr John Whipple Const for the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Towns meeting house in D Grafton on tuesday the first day of June next at two o Clock afternoon then & there to act as follows viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting

2 To Chuse a Surveyor of highways & Collector of the highway taxes for the present year in the room of Nathaniel Batchellor

3 To hear a petition or Request of the Late County Convention and act thereon as they may think proper

4 To see if the Town will abate a Rest on John Drew in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable

5 To hear the Report of a Committee Chosen to Squadron out the Town in order for Schooling and to act thereon as they may think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Twenty eighth day of may A D 1784

Benja Goddard / James Whipple / Joseph Whipple / Joseph Warrin / Shelomith Stow — Selectmen of Grafton

Return

Worcester ss In obedience to this warrant I have warned all the Votable Inhabitant of Grafton to meet & assemble at time & place within mentioned

Grafton June 1st 1784 John Whipple Constable

June first 1784 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Timothy Sherman Moderator for said Meeting

2 By vote Chose Capt Joseph Warrin Surveyor of highways & Collector of highway taxes for the present year and Sworn ~~&c~~

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4 Put to vote whether the Town will abate the rate assessed on John Drew in the hands of James Whipple Late Const Past in the Negative

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Timothy Sherman Moderator

August 23d 1784 pursuant to a warrant to us Directed from Joseph Wheeler & Wm young Justices of the Peace Quorum unus for the Choice of a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester We have Caused the Town of Grafton to be assembled and said Town have Brot in their votes as follows viz Twenty four votes for Colo Moses Wheelock of Westo. } Regr. of Deeds and Eight votes for Colo Daniel Clapp of Barre } Selectmen of Grafton

Benja Goddard
James Whipple
Joseph Whipple
Joseph Warrin

To the Hon.d Select-men of the Town of Grafton this is to notify you that I have Taken Abraham Brigham a Minor into my house

Grafton September 7th 1784 Elisha Brigham

True Copy attest Benja Goddard T Clerk

Recorded pr order of the Selectmen Benja Goddard Clk

Worcester ss To Mr John Whipple Constable for ye Town of Grafton Greeting You are hereby Required in the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts to warn and notify all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified according to Law to vote for a Register of Deeds to meet & assemble at the Towns meeting house in sd Grafton on monday the Eighteenth day of this Instt October at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & there to bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds for sd County of Worcester

Here of fail not & make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Sixth day of October AD 1784.

Benja Goddard
James Whipple
Joseph Whipple
Joseph Warrin
Selectmen of Grafton

In Obedience to this Warrant I have warned all ye inhabitants of Grafton Qualified according to Law to meet at ye time & place within mentioned

Grafton Oct. 18 1784 John Whipple Const.

October 15th 1784 pursuant to a warrant to us Directed from Joseph Wheeler & Wm young Justices of the Peace Quorum unus for the Choice of a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester for the County we have Caused the Town of Grafton to be assembled and they have Brot in their votes as follows viz — for Col.o Daniel Clapp thirteen for Col.o Moses Wheelock six & for Capt Benja [illegible] one

Benja Goddard
James Whipple
Jos. Whipple
Jos Warrin
Selectmen Grafton

Worcester ss To Mr John Whipple Const. for Grafton Greeting
you are hereby required in the name of the Common-
wealth of Massachusetts to warn all the notable Inhabi-
tants of Grafton to assemble at the Town meeting-
house in s.d Grafton on monday the 18th day of October
Instant at three of the Clock afternoon then & there
to act as follows viz — — — —
1 To Chuse a moderator for s.d meeting
2 To hear the Report of a Committee Chosen to Squadron
out the Town in order for Schooling and act thereon as they
think proper
3 To Grant money to Defray Town Charges
4th To accept Town Debts
5 To abate the rates assessed on the poll of Benjamin
Leland in the hands of Abner Howe Late Constable
6 To abate the rate of David Howe
7 To abate the rate of John Druce
8 To abate the rates of Nath.l Holbrook
all in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant
and of your doings thereon to some one of us at
or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this
Sixth day of October A.D 1784

Benja Goddard
James Whipple
Joseph Whipple
Joseph Warren
Thelomith Hoss
} Selectmen of Grafton

In obedience to this warrant I have warned & notified
all the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified according to law
to meet at time & place within mentioned
Grafton 18th of octr 1784 John Whipple Constable

October 18th 1784 The town of Grafton met pursuant
to warning & proceeded as follows viz — — —
1 By vote Chose Timothy Sherman Moderator
2 pass'd By
3 By vote Granted £60 to defray Town Charges
4 Accepted The Treasurers account for keeping the town for
the year 1783 — — — — — £ 2-8-0
accepted Joseph Merriam 2nd's act. for providing
a school master to teach a School nine weeks 4-16-0
and for Boarding s.d Master said term at
five shillings p.r week — — — — — 2-5-0

Accepted the Selectmens acct. for Boarding Hannah Philips Eighteen weeks & five days at two pistureen pr week — — — — — — £2-5-0

6th By a vote abated the rates assessed on Mr Benja Lathrop Jr Poll in the hands of Abner Stow Late Const —
6th By vote abated the rates assessed on one poll to David Stow in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable
7th put to vote whether the Town will abate the rates of John Drury in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable and it passed in y Negative —
8th Put to vote whether the Town will abate the rates assessed on Nathaniel Hathbrook in the hands of James Whipple Late Const passed in y Negative

Timothy Sherman Mod.

Worcester ss To Mr Ebenezer Cutler Const for the Town of Grafton — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn & notify all the Notable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on monday the Seventh day of march next at Eight oClock in the morning then & there to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
2d To Chuse Town officers for the Currant year
3d To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer
4th To see how the town will order the Schooling y Ensuing year
5th To see if the town will suffer the Swine to run at Large the ensuing year
6th To Grant money to repair highways the Currant year and see what they will give for Labour at highways
7th To see if the Town will allow all those Squadrons who have not had their part of Schooling the year past to draw their part of money to pay out for Schooling hereafter
8th To accept of Town debt
9th To abate all the rates which remain unpaid of John Daniels in the hands of Nathl Batchelor late Constable
10th To abate part of Eleth Cutlers Rates
11th To abate the rates of Joseph Sherman of Shrewsbury
12th To abate Isaiah Fairbanks highway rate
13th To abate part of Nathl Gowings highway rate all in the hands of Joseph Perry late Constable

14th For the Town to Assign the Security they have against Joseph Perry Junr and Coll Moses Harrington Signd by them Jointly and Severally into other mens hands if they See Cause

15th To accept of a road Laid out from Coln Drurys by Noah B: Kimballs to Grafton line near Abel Wesson house more particularly Described in the report

16 To See if the Town will Come into Some method for finishing the meetinghouse

17th To accept the report of a Committee Chose to Look up the Towns money in Committee hands & other where &c or act thereon as they think proper

18 To accept a List of Jury

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Twenty fourth day of Feb^{y} 1785

Benja Goddard
Jamy Whipple
Joseph Whipple
Joseph Warrin
Thomas Stow
} Select men of Grafton

Return

Worcester ss In obedience to this warrant I have warned and notified all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to qualified to meet at time & place within mentioned

Grafton march 7th 1785

Ebenezer Cutler } Constable for Grafton

March 7th 1785 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning proceeded as follows viz 1 By a vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator

Voted to have five Select-men for the Ensuing

By vote Chose Perley Batchellor
Timothy Sherman
Lebbeus Redding
Joseph Wood
& Wm Brigham
} Select men

By vote Chose Benja Goddard Town Clerk

By vote Chose Joseph Merian Junr Town Treasr

By vote Chose Jona Stow
Timo Sherman
& Thomas Bicknell
} Assessors Sworn

Voted to have Two Constables

By vote Chose Joseph Warrin
& Esqr Lyon
} Constables

By vote adjourn for one hour to ye meeting house or adjournment the Town met accordingly

Perley Batchellor Moderator

adjourn for fifteen minutes

Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr John Whipple Constable
for the Town of Grafton — — Greeting —
You are hereby Required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all
the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified to vote
for a Representative to meet at the Towns
meeting house in s.d Grafton on monday the
seventh day of march next at 3 o'Clock
afternoon this day to bring in their votes
for a Register for the County of Worcester.
Hereof fail not and make return of this
Warrant with your doings thereon to some
one of us at or before the hour of meeting
Given under our hands & seal at Grafton
this twenty fourth day of Feb.y A.D 1785

Benja Goddard
James Whipple
Joseph Whipple
Joseph Warrin
Shelomith Stow
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss in obedience to this
Warrant I have and notified
all the Voteable Inhabitants of Grafton
Qualified to meet at time & place
within mentioned
Grafton march 7th 1785 John Whipple
Constable for Grafton

March 7th 1785 The town of Grafton met pursuant
to warning & Brot in their votes for a Register for
viz For Colo Daniel Capp 14
For Capt Benja Read 14
For Colo Moses Whitcomb 11
For Samuel Allen 1
Register of Deeds
attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk
and in behalf of the Selectmen

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on adjournment the Town met & proceeded as follows
viz Voted to Chuse two wardens
by vote Chose Thadeus Read
& Amos Davis
Wardens
Voted to Chuse the rest of the Town officers
by hand vote —
Voted to have 3 Tything men —
By vote Chose Benja Walker
Joseph Brow
& Joseph Whipple
Tything men

Voted to have seven Surveyors of highways
and Collectors of highway taxes
By vote Chose David Wadsworth
John Brigham
Colo Prentiss
Noah B Kimball
Nath.l Grover
Ebn.r Wadsworth
& Daniel Hayden
Surveyors & Collectors of highway rates

Voted to have five hogreivers
By vote chose John Knox
John Nelson Junr
Samuel Willard
Jabez Goodell Sworn
& Eleazr Luther
} Hogreivers

Voted to have three field drivers
By vote chose Abner Semple
Moses Sherman
& David Stow
} field drivers

Voted to have 2 firewards
By vote chose Colo Gording
& Joseph Perry 2d
} 2 firewards

Voted to have two fence viewers
By vote chose Shelomith Stow
Luke Drury —
} fence viewers

By vote chose Zebedee Redding (Sworn)
By vote chose Aaron Kimball Sealer of Leather

on adjournment Disingd Aaron Kimball and Chose Benja Walker in his room for a Sealer of Lumber

Accepted the report of the Town Treasurer which is as follows viz

Grafton March 3d 1785

We the Subscribers have Examined the State of the Treasury and find in the Treasury three Hundred & Eighty four pounds fourteen shillings and three pence farthing besides the notes Given for the School Land which is £250-4-8 and one years Interest being paid on Each note Except Joseph Perry Junr Due The above amt is Exclusive of paper money and all highway arrearages we find also that there is £199-14-6-1 of Last highway Grant not accounted for

Errors Excepted

Joseph Moriam Jr Town Treasurer

James Whipple
Joseph Whipple
Shelomith Stow
} Selectmen of Grafton

4th voted to have a Committee of seven men to manage the School the Currant year

By vote Chose Aaron Stone Benja Walker
Timothy Moriam Isaiah Fairbanks
Moses Holbrook John Thurston
& Eleazer Leland
} School Comm.

5th To see if the Town will [illegible] at Large

Voted that Each Squadron Shall draw their part of Money ~~for schooling~~ to Lay out in their own Squadron for Schooling this year

5 Put to vote whether the Town will Suffer the Swine to ran at Large the present year and it past in the affirmative ——

6 By vote Granted £80 to Defray The Charge for highways the Currant year ——

7 put to vote whether Town will allow all those Squadrons who have not had their part of Schooling Last year to Draw their part of money to Lay for Schooling hereafter past in the affirmative

8th Put to vote whether the Town will abate all the rats which remain unpaid assess on John Daniels in the hands of Nath Batchellor Late Constable. past in the Negative

By vote adjourn this meeting to monday the fourteenth day of march Inst. one o'clock P.M. to the meting house Sarby Batchellor Moder.

March 14th 1785 the Town being met on adjournment & proceed as follows Viz

8th proceed to accept town Debts as follows

By vote accepted of a bill brought in by Thos Axtell for Boarding Hannah Philips from the 7th of august 1784 to march 5th following thirty weeks at two pistereny pr week £3-12-0

accepted James Whipples bill for praambulating bounds between towns one day —— 0-3-0

accepted Aaron Kimballs act. for hinges and other articles for the meting house —— 2-0-6

accepted of Thos Stows act for praambulating Bounds between towns one Day —— 3-0

Accepted Joseph Merrams act for keeping the Treasury Last year —— 1-10-0

accepted Capt Kimballs act for Eight weeks Schooling at £4-0 and Boarding the same time 4/6d pr week £1-16-0 —— 5-16-0

Accepted of Ebenr Sadlers account for Running the Line Betwixt Northbridge and Grafton one day 3/ —— 0-3-0

Accepted John Whipples account for Schooling 16 weeks & two days £7-7-0 & Boarding —— 7-7-0 £3-13-6

Accepted Elisha Brigham's act. for ten weeks Schooling 12/ pr week —— 6-0-0

Accepted Col Drurys act for Interest money —— 9-6

on y^e 6th art voted may Labor at highways this year 6s 3/ per day. on y^e 6th Carry'd

accepted of Nahum Stowe act at 4/6 p^r Week five weeks ——— £ 1-2-6
accepted of Col^o. L Drurys act adm^r. on D^r Darlings. Estate for Doctoring Hannah Philips ——— 1-14-6
accepted of Col Luke Drury act for Service at the Convention in forming the Constitution 34 days 6/ p^r day ——— 10-4-0
accepted of Thomas Bicknell act for taking a valuation making rate &c ——— 3-0-0
accepted Sheldonith Stowe act for Boarding a Schoolmaster nine Weeks 4/6 p^r Week — 2-0-6
accepted Wm Brigham Bill for Boarding a Schoolmaster 5 weeks 4/6 p^r week ——— 1-2-6
accepted Joseph Whipples act for Runing the Line Betwixt Sutton & Grafton ——— 0-3-0
accepted Joseph Warrins act for runing the Line Betwixt Upton & Grafton ——— 0-3-0
Accepted Benja Goddards act for Runing the Line Betwixt Northbridge & Grafton — 3-0
accepted Eli Whitneys act for keeping School nine weeks 10/ p^r Week ——— 4-10-0
accepted of Tim^o. Sherman act for taking a valuation making rate &c 20 days — 3-0-0
accepted Sam^l Flaggs act for keeping Hannah Philips Two weeks ——— 0-4-0
accepted of Jon^a Stowe act. for taking valuation making rates &c 20 days — 3-0-0
accepted of Elijah Brown act for taking care of the meeting house & mending the pound — 16-0

10th for the abatement of Seth Cutlers rate in the hands of Joseph Perry Jun^r Late Constable it is referred to the Selectmen by a vote of the Town to Determine

11th put to vote Whether the town will abate the rate of Joseph Sherman of Shrewsbury in the hands of Joseph Perry Jun^r Late Constable past in the Negative

~~12th put to vote~~

12th For the abatement of Isaiah Fairbanks highway rate ~~in~~ and

13 for the abatement of Sath^l Bowens highway rate Both of the above in the hands of Joseph Perry Jun^r Late Const. is refered to the Selectmen

14th Voted to Receive a Security of Solomon Prentice and Moses Harrington for the same Sum in the room of the Security the Town hath against Joseph Berry Junr and the Estate of Capt Moses Harrington Decd

By vote Dismissd Capt Aaron Kimball from being Sealer of Lumber and Chosd Benja Walker to serve in his room

By vote adjournd this meeting to the first monday in april next at one oClock P M to the meeting house Derby Balch Moses Woo

17th Accepted the report of the Committee as mentioned in sd article which is as follows viz

We the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee to make a final settlement with all those that have Been Intrusted with the Towns money to make a Settlement with all those that we find Indebted to said Town and also to Discharge all old Collectors & Highway Surveyors agreable to the Best of our Judgment we Do report as follows (viz)

1. We have Discharged in full Lt James Whipples Constr for the yr 1767 and Mrs Mary Brooks Admrx on the Estate of the Late Jona Hall Decd Constr for 1767 upon yr Giving up their highway rate Bills to us —

2d We have discharged in full Mr Ephraim Sherman and Mr Ebenr Wadsworth Constrs for 1770 upon their Giving up their highway rate bills to us —

3d We have taken up all the orders and Recd Discharges in full of all the highway Surveyors for the yr 1770 Except Mr Ebenr Wheeler & Mr Philr Hawy Mr Wheelers order we have taken up and Gave him a new order on the Town Treasurer for 9/ upon his Giving the town a Recd in full Lt Hawys order nor Recd we have not Got only a General order which he Gave to the Constables to pay all those men & teams that he Employed as highway Surveyor

4th We have taken up of all the highway Surveyors for the year 1771 orders & Discharges in full for all their Demands on sd Town

5th We have Given Mr Moses Holbrook Constable for yr year 1771 a Discharge upon his Giving up his highway rate bill to us and paying us 9d in money that he had Collected on sd Bill

6th We have taken orders & Discharges in full for all Demds that the Highway Surveyors had against sd Town for the year 1772 Except Lt Abraham Browns

7th We have Discharged Capt. Saml. Sherman in full from his Collecting the highway rate Committed to him to Collect in the year 1772 upon his Giving up to us his rate bill and paying us two Shillings & Eight pence farthing that he had Collected on sd Bill We have also Discharg. Saml. Whitneys Execut.rs in full from her Collecting the highway rate Committed to said Whitney to Collect in the year 1772 upon her Discharging the Town in full from sd rate

8th We have taken Discharges in full of all Demands that the Highway Surveyors have against sd Town for the year 1773 Except Zabhara Warrin

9th We have called upon the Select men for the year 1778 respecting their purchases & Disposal of war like stores which they have Given us a Satisfactory account of their doings and we have Given them a Discharge in full

10th The Surveyors & Collectors for 1778 we have Discharg. them all in full and we have had a note of hand for Eight Shillings of Mr Timothy Merriam it being for mony that he Collected on his rate bill

11th The Surveyors & Collectors for the year 1779 we have Discharged them all in full from their Collection

12th The Town have supplied the Continental Soldiers families with mony & provision to the amount of £252-10-2 and we find that the Select men for the year 1779 Repaid to the Town Treasurer £110-6 the Balance now Due to the Town is £142-4-2 The Balance that remains now Due to the town Where or in Whose hands it now is we have not been able to obtain

13th The Committee that was appointed by the town in the year 1780 to purchase beef we have waited repeatedly and we have made them all the proposals of Settlement that we could think of that would Do Justice to the Town and Honour to our selves but it prov.d all to no effect There remains now in the hands of Capt. Joseph Warrin one of sd Committee £349 of the old Continental money sd mony has been Due Ever since Nov.r 25d 1780

14th The Surveyors & Collectors for the year 1780 we have Given them all a Discharge in full Except Mr Amos Gale and also we have had £33-10-10 of the old Continental mony of Mr Samuel Flagg one of the Last year Surveyors

15th The Surveyors & Collectors for the year 1781 we have Given them all a Discharge in full We have had of Dr Joseph Wood one of the Last men tioned Collectors three Shillings in Current mony and have had also of Mr Amos Davis another of the Collectors the Sum of £10-6 old Contin.l mony

16th The Select men for the year 1781 procured a Quantity of Clothing for the use of the State to the amount of £41-16 this mony Capt Ephraim Lyon had may 1782 of the State Treasurer and by order of the Select men it was Entered on a note that was in Capt. Lyons hands in Decem.r 1782 at a Discount of £3-10 sd note was not payable till april 1784 and we have called upon Select men Why they made a Discount of the £3-10 and sd Select men have Given a Satisfactory account of their doings to the Major part of the Committee

17th We have found in the hands of the meeting house Committee five thousand of white pine boards one thousand of Clapboards all at orringe also we find one Hogshead of Slack-Lime in the hands of Col Goulding and a Ladder now at the meeting house we have Rec'd an order of Elijah Brown on the Town Treasurer for Twelve Shilling it being for old Glass that Sd Brown Bought of Sd Committee we have Rec'd a note of hand on Demand with Interest of Capt Aaron Kimball for £2-16-11 of Silver money also we have Rec'd a note of Lt James Whipple for Eight New-Emition Dollars and we have also Rec'd £109:6 of the old Continental money —

We find there remains Due to Jonas Hemmenway 2/8 pr day for Eight days Labor done at the meeting house Sd money is to be made Equal to Good money in the year 1774 this articles includes all that was in the hands of the meeting house Committee agreable to a report of a former Committee appointed to settle with them Sd Committees report was made march 10th 1783 agreable to this article we have Discharged the meeting house Com. accordingly

The above we Submit to the Town for their acceptance

Grafton the fourth of April 1785

Simon Brown
Benja Walker
Thomas Bicknell
Perley Batchellor
} Committee

The above accepted by the Town — — —

Voted to have a Committee of three men to settle with the Treasurer respecting all matters referd to in the report made by the Committee as above Except the Beef Committee mentioned in sd report

By a vote Chose Benja Walker
Simon Brown
Thomas Bicknell
} for Sd Committee

16th The vote was put whether the Town will Compleat the repair of the meeting house & it past in y affirmative

voted to have a Committee of five men to Draw a plain in what manner to finish the meeting house

By a vote Chose Benja Walker
James Whipple
Joseph Wood
Joseph Brown
& Jebediah Kidding
} for Sd Committee

By vote adjourn'd this meeting to Friday the 8th day of this Instt april at one of the Clock afternoon to the meeting house

Perley. Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr John Whipple Constable for Grafton

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

These are to require you to notify & warn all the free holders and other Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote agreable to the

Constitution for Governor Lt Governor Council & Senators to met & assemble at the Towns meeting house in Grafton aforesaid on the first monday of april next at three of the Clock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To vote for a Governor
2d To vote for Lt Governor
3d To voted for Councillors & Senators

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting — —

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 23d day of March AD 1785

Worc[r]ss pursuant to this warrant I have notified unto all the freeholders and other of the Notable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the time & place within mentioned Grafton april 4 1785 John Whipple Const.

Perley Batchellor
Joseph Wood
Zebedee Redding
Timothy Sherman
Wm Brigham
} Selectmen for Grafton

April 4th 1785 The Town of Grafton met pursuant pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows (viz)

1 Brought in 17 votes for Hon: Thomas Cushing Esq[r] ——— and four votes for Benja Lincoln Esq[r] } Governor

2d For Benja Lincoln Esq[r] —— 11
For Nath[l] Gorham Esq[r] —— 6
For Thomas Cushing Esq[r] —— 1
} Lt Governor

3d Voted for Senators as follows (viz)

For Moses Gill Esq[r] —— 12
For Samuel Baker Esq[r] — 12
For Jonathan Warner Esq[r] — 12
For Isrd Nichols Esq[r] — 12
For Seth Washburn Esq[r] — 12
} Council & Senators

attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

April 6th 1785 The Town met on adjournment of the March Meeting from the 14th of March last and proceeded as follows

By vote accepted Thomas Axtells account for Boarding Hannah Philips 33 Weeks 2/ per Week — £3-6-0

Accepted of Benja Garfields acct for time & Expence in making a form of Government at Boston five days 6/ pr day — — } 1-10-0

We the Subscribers being a Committee appointed to make out a plann in order for finishing the meeting house the Inside thereof in Grafton accordingly we have met & made out a plann of the Lower part of said house — —

Turn Over

And also of the Galeries which we humbly present to the Town for acceptance ———
as it would be attended with much Difficulty point out the order how every particular Branch of the work should be finished therefore we think that the meeting house in the first parrish in Shrewsbury is finished much agreable to our minds therefore it is our opinion to have this finished in Like manner to that in Shrewsbury

Grafton april 8th 1785 Benja Walker } Order of the Committee

The above read and accepted by the Town
Voted to have the ~~three~~ seats in the Body on the Lower ~~flower~~ mentioned in the plann Go thro without any pews at the End of Each seat
Voted that there be two teer of pews at the hinder part of the Body seats (viz) four in Each teer
By vote accepted the plann for the Galeries
Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men to finish the repair of the Meetinghouse
By vote Chose Benja Walker
James Whipple
Moses Holbrook
Moses Hayden
& Joseph Merriam } a Committee for y^t purpose

Voted that the Town treasurer Give notes on Interest in behalf of the Town to those who may Deliver to the Committee (Chosen to finish the meetinghouse) money or materials to finish the same

4th art By vote abated all the rate of John Daniels now unpaid Except the Silver rate in the hands of Nathaniel Batchellor Late Constable

By vote adjourn^d this Meeting to the Second monday in may next at one of the Clock P M to the Meetinghouse Perley Batchellor Moderator

may 9th 1785 the Town met according to adjournment & proceeded (viz)
By vote Chose Thomas Axtell jun^r Surveyor & Collector of high way taxes in room of Edm^d Wadsworth who refused to serve

Grafton February 24th 1785

Laid out a road in the Town of Grafton Beginning at the road by Col^o Luke Drurys Dwelling house

running westerly Between his old and new house a Straight Course by a pair of Barrs in or near the Line Betwixt Colo Drurys and Lt Hoak & Kimballs Land thence a Straight Course in Sd Kimballs land to a fence in the Line betwixt Elijah Drurys Land & Sd Kimballs land thence on Sd Kimballs land the Southerly side of said Elijah Drurys fence a Straight Course through a corner of Sd E. Drurys land a maple Stump being in the northerly side of Sd road thence by a white oak tree on a Knoul in Sd Kimballs pasture thence on Sd Knoul down to an old dam near where the old road is now trod thence about four rods north of an Elm tree across a piece of low land the best & Straightest Course to the southerly side of Sd Kimballs Dwelling house near a Straight Course to the East end of Stephen Rices House into the County road said road laid two rods wide The proprietors of the land which said road goes through have promised to Give said land two rods wide as aforesaid Except Elijah Drury on Condition that the Town Build & Keep in repair two Bridges for Cattle to go under to drink at the river in Sd Colo Drurys Land and the town to Build one fence through Stephen Rices Land supposed to be about Sixty rods in Leangth and the Town Give the proprietors of Sd Land two years to open the said road in

Benja Goddard
James Whipple
Jo. Whipple
Joseph Warren
Ghelomith Stow
} Selectmen for Grafton

The above Report read & accepted by the Town

Then the Town accepted a report of a Committee which report is as Fallows (viz) — —

We the Subscribers being appointed a Com. To settle with the Town Treasurer & Deliver up the money & papers that were in the hands of the Com. according to a former report made april 8th accordingly we have made Settlement with the Town Treasurer and Delivered up to him all the papers & money that were in our hands agreable to a former report have taken his Rect for the Same — —

Benja Walker
Simon Brown
} Committee

The above read and accepted by the Town

The Receipt referred to in the above report is as Fallows (viz) Turn over

June 2d 1785 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning proceed as follows viz
1st By a vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator
2d Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men to meet the Committe agreable to the 2d article in the warrant
By vote Chose Thomas Bicknell, Joseph Wood, Luke Drury, Mose Holbrook & Cyrus French } for sd Committee

Voted that this Committe be Instructed to make Such opposition to laying the Road through the Town of Grafton as shall appear to them to be most for the Interest of the Town
Perley Batchellor Moderator

The out of the Town offices which are Sworn for the year Ensuing Chosen in march last past (Viz) 1785 as follows Benja Goddard Clerk for sd Town
John Stow Timothy Sherman & Thomas Bicknell assessors
Joseph Warrin & Ephm Lyon Constables Shadrach Reed & Amos Davis Wardens Benja Walker Sythingman, David Wadsworth John Brigham Solomon Prentice Noah B Kimball Nath Grover Daniel Hayden & Thos Axtell Junr Surveyors of Highways & Collectors of sd Taxes John Knox & Solomon Goodell Hogreevs Shelomith Stow & Luke Drury fence viewers all Sworn to the faithful performance of their Respective offices Before B Goddard Justice Except the Clerk who was Sworn by Edward Thawson Esqr

Worcester ss To Capt Joseph Warrin Constable for Grafton — Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn and notify all the votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Towns meeting house in sd Grafton on monday the Twenty second day of of this Instant august at three oclock afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz 1 To Chuse a moderator for sd meeting
2d To have the Town provide a School Master Grammar or act thereon as they may think proper
3d To grant money to Defray Town Charges
4 To accept Town Debt

5th for the Town to hear the request of the Selectmen respecting Susanna Johns and act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant & of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Seventeenth day of August A.D. 1785

Joseph Wood
Perley Batchellor
Jno.d Sherman
Lebbee Pudding
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to this warrant I have warned all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton by posting Copies of this warrant at the meeting-house in D Grafton

Grafton august 22d 1785 Joseph Warren } Const.

august 22d 1785 The Town of Grafton being met according to warning proceeded as follows (Viz)

1 By vote Chose Perley Batchellor moderator
By vote Chose Benja Walker Clerk protem.
and adjourned meeting to 6 O'Clock to the house of Thomas Bicknell Perley Batchellor Mod.
on adjournment the Town met

5th Art Voted for the Selectmen to provide for Susanna Johns untill they can obtain a hearing from the General Court

2d Voted that the Committee for Schooling provide a Schoolmaster according to Law out of the Town money Exclusive of the money already Granted for that purpose

Then Dissolved the meeting Perley Batchellor Mod.

Worcester ss To Capt Ephraim Lyon Constable for for Grafton — — — Greeting —

you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the votable Inhabitants of this Town to meet & assemble at the Towns meeting house in D Grafton on monday the nineteenth day of Sept. Inst. at three of the Clock afternoon then to act on the following articles (Viz)

1 To Chuse a moderator for D meeting —
2d To Grant money to Defray Town charges

3d To accept Town Debts
4 To See if the Town Will abate the rate abs.d on Moses Hyde that remains in the hands of Lt James Whipple Late Constable
5th To See if the Town will abate the highway rate abs.d on John Maynard in the hands of John Brigham one of the Collectors of Highway Taxes
Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this fifth day of September A.D. 1785 Wm Brigham
Joseph Wood
Perley Batchellor
Jno. Sherman
Lebbeus Kidding
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worc.s pursuant to this warrant I have notified & warned the voteable inhabitants of Grafton to meet at the time & place within mentioned by posting a copy of this warrant at both meeting houses in Grafton
Grafton 15th Sept 1785 Ephr Lyon Constable for Grafton

September 19th 1785 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz.
1 By vote Chose Perley Batchellor moderator
Then by a vote adjourned this meeting for ten minutes to the house of Thomas Bicknells Perley Batchellor Modr
On adjournment the Town met & proceeded to Business
By vote Chose Benja Walker Clerk protem
2d By vote Granted £100 to Defray Town Charges & Support Ye Poor
4th Voted to abate the remainder of the rate abs.d on Moses Hyde in the hands of Lt James Whipple Late Const. that remains unpaid

By vote accepted a Bill Brought in in by Thomas Axtell for Boarding Hannah Philips 26 weeks at 2/ p.r week } £2-12-0

Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Capt Joseph Warrin Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn & notify all the voteable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Town meetinghouse in s.d Grafton on Wednesday the first day of october next at 3 o'Clock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles
1 To Chuse a moderator for s.d meeting
2 To hear the report of the Committee Chosen to finish the meetinghouse and act thereon as they shall think proper

3d To hear the report of the School Committee respecting their squadroning out the town and act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant with your Doings therein to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 28th day of September A D 1785

Zebedee Kidding
Perley Batchellor
Timothy Sherman
Joseph Wood
& Wm Brigham
} select men

Worcester ss in obedience to this warrant I have warned all the Voteable Inhabitants of Grafton by posting it at both meeting houses in sd Grafton

Grafton October 5 1785

Joseph Warren Constable

Octr 5th 1785 The town of Grafton met according to warning & proceeded as followeth viz

1 By Vote Chose Perley Batchellor moderator

Then adjourned to Solomon Prentiss to meet Immediately

Then met according to adjournment Perley Batchellor the Clerk not being present made Choice of Joseph Merriam Jnr Clerk protem

art 2d Voted that Six pews be built Each side of the Broad ally of the hind seats and that so much of the third seat upon Each side towards the north be taken as may be nessary for an Entrance to the middle pews

art 3d put to vote whether the town will accept of the report of the School Committee respecting their Squadroning out the town past in the Negative

Then voted that the Committee take back their report and make such amendments as shall be for the Benefit of Each Squadron and to make report at some future meeting Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Capt Ephraim Lyon Constable for Grafton

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the Voteable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Town Meetinghouse in Grafton on monday the seventh day of November at one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act on the following artikles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for sd meeting

2 To hear the report of the School Committee and act thereon as they shall think prosper

3 To hear the report of the Committee Chosen to finish the meeting house respecting the Cost and act thereon as they shall think prosper

4th For the Town to come into some meathod Concerning the Sale of the Pews in the meeting house and act thereon as they shall think proper

5th to see if the Town will abate the rates as[ess]d on Simon Wait in the hands of John Whipple Late Constable and act thereon as they shall think proper

6th To see if the town will abate the rates as[ess]d on Nath[l] Gowing in the hands of Joseph Wood Late Constable and act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands & seal at Grafton this Twenty-eighth day of october A.D. 1785

Perley Batchelor
Joseph Wood
Timothy Sherman
Zebedee Kidding
William Brigham
} Select men for Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to the within Warrant I have notified and warned all the Voters Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time and place within mentioned by Posting a Copy of this warrant at both meeting houses in Grafton

Grafton Nov[r] 7th 1785 Ephraim Lyon Constable

November 7th 1785 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz—

1st By vote Chose Timothy Sherman Moderator for s[d] meeting Then adjourn'd for half an hour to the Dwelling house of Thomas Bicknell Innholder. Tim[o] Sherman Moderator On adjournment the Town met.—

2d By vote accepted of the report of the School Committee which is as follows viz for Squadroning out the Town The name of the families together with Each Squadrons proportion of money as the School Committee has seen fit to Squadron out the Town

1st Squad[n]

Graham Stone
Eland Cutler
Joel Brooks
Elijah Brooks
Micah Putnam
Elijah Drury
Robert Flagg
Timothy Johnson
Benj[a] Batchellor
Peter Salter
Col[o] L. Drury
Jon[a] Wheeler
Jedediah Putnam
Steph[n] Rice

2d Squad[n]

W[d] Elizabeth Putnam
James Homenway
W[d] Howe —
Noah B Kimball
Christian Ellich
— Benj[a] Wheeler

The No of Families aforesaid is 20 at 8/ p[r] Family £8-0

3d Squad[n]

Moses Holbrooks
Wm. Holbrooks
Eleazer Leland
Benj[a] Lathe
Jabez Lathe

Zephaniah Lathe
Ebn[r] Leland
Elisha Smith
Moses Hayes
W[d] Darling
Dan[l] Axtell
W[d] Nixford

4th Squad[n]

Phin[s] Leland
Benj[a] Leland Jun[r]
Samuel Leland
W[d] Keith —
Elijah Jones
Benj[a] Thurston
David W Leland
Jonas Brown
Benj[a] Garfield
John Roberts

3d Squad. Benja Walker
Joseph Perry
Jona Pierce
Capt Zebedee Kiding
Cyrus French
Wd Mary Harrington
Moses Harrington
Ephm Wheeler
Nathaniel Robbins
Levi Mason
Ezra Whitney
Solomon Preston
Dr Joseph Wood
Wd Rice —
Rev Daniel Grosvenor
Elijah Brue
Nath B Dexter
Thomas Bicknell
Joseph Brue
Dr Joseph Great
Thomas Smith
Capt Joseph Warren
Levi Hayson

No families 23 amounts to £9-4

Timo Meriams Squad.
David Forbush Junr
Mr Daniels —
Lt Jona Stow
Dr Joseph Meriam
Joseph Meriam Jr
Jonathan Child —
Silas Warren
Jona Marble
Wd Miller
Daniel Robbins
Mrs Cutler
Wm Stow Maynard
Amos Davis —
Lt Moses Hayden
Andrew Adams
Nathl Adams
Capt Thelomith Stow
Benja Hawkwood
Samuel Flagg
Forten Burnee
Nathl Grover

No families 22 amounts to £8-16

Jr Isaiah Fairbanks Squad
Abraham Temple
Capt John Goulding —
Benja Goddard
Joseph Wood Junr
Benja Willard
Capt Noah Brooks
Capt Aaron Kimball
Moses Cutler —
Joseph Willard
Capt Ephm Lyon
Ebenr Wadsworth
Thomas Axtell
Thos Axtell Junr
John Knox —
Jonathn Cook —
Simon Wait
Abner Temple
Isaac Haven
Aaron Kimball Junr

No of families 20 and amounts to £8-0-0

6th Lt Eleazer Leland Sqd.
Peter Richardson
Stephen Eager
Daniel Rand
William Brigham
Timothy Sherman
David Stow
David Stow Junr
Wd Prentice —
Ector Gimbee
Ezekiel Brigham
Elisha Brigham
Zebulon Daniels
Lt Ezekiel Brigham
Stephen Prentice
Daniels Prentice
Wd Brue
Capt Nathl Sherman
James Thomas
Andrew Brown

The above 19 families amounts to £7-12

John Thurston Sqd.
Mark Batchellor
Nathl Batchellor
Jona Hall
Abner Stow
Elijah Stanton
Capt Thad. Read
Ebenr Wheeler
James Wheeler
Jonathan Gay
Timothy Fisher
Daniel Hayden
Frances Drake
Joseph Hills
Benja Thurston
James Cook
David Forbush
Jona Hayden
Dea Joseph Batchellor
Perley Batchellor

The above 20 families amounts to £8-0-4

The River Squadron more Holbrook Cont.
Nathl Ward
Capt Joseph Whipple
Lt James Whipple
John Whipple
Ephm Sherman
Moses Sherman
Thomas Leland
Moses Mash —
Dr Jacob Whipple
David Wadsworth
Ebenezer Sadler
Dr Elkanah Ingals
Solomon Goodell
Wd Worster —
Phinr Pratt
Benja Grover
Mr. Warren

No families are 19 and amounts to £7-12

The Whole number of families for schooling are 165 at 8/ pr family amounts to £66- The Interest of the School Land is about £15-0 Deduct that from £66 remains to be raised £51-0

Benja Walker } Prood of the Committee

Voted that Each Family Shall be confined to his own Squadron ———

2d Voted to have a Committee of five men to sell the pews By vote Chose Lt Benja Walker / Lt Joseph Wood / Colo Luke Drury / Capt Zebedee Redding / & Lt Moses Hayden } for said Committee

Voted that the time for Selling the pews be on the Twenty eighth of this Instant Novembr at Eight oClock A.M.

5th put to vote whether the town will abate the rates assessd on Simon Wait in the hands of John Whipple Late Constable passd in the negative ———

6th put to vote whether the Town will abate the rate assessd on Nath[l] Gowing in the hands of Joseph Wood Late Constable passd in the Negative

By vote adjournd this meeting to tuesday the 21st inst at the meeting house at one of the Clock in the afternoon. Timothy Sherman Moderator

Novr 21st 1785 the Town met according to adjournment & proceeded as follows 1st Voted the Comt Sell the pews to the highst bidder then Reconsidered the Last vote

By vote adjournd this meeting to monday the 28 inst at 8 oClock A.M Timo Sherman Moderator

On adjournment the Town met & voted that the Committee for Selling the pews in the meeting house be confined to the Vote of the town passd December 13 1779

put to vote whether the town will admit Jonathan Shuter to bid on sd pews passd in the affirmative

Then voted that all those that were taxed for the repair of the outside of the said house Shall have Liberty to bid on the pews

Voted that £70 Shall be paid Down at the purchase of sd pews and that said Sum be apportioned on the pound by sd Committee after sd pews are sold

Voted that one half of the remainder which the pews are sold for be paid in three months and the rest in six months from the time of the sale of sd pews

Voted that the Committee Shall Give Each man a title of the pew that Shall be sold to him upon his Giving Security to the Satisfaction of sd Committee

Voted that No 22 be Considered as the publick pew

Voted that Each man shall pay 12/ Immediately upon a pew being Struck off to him

Voted that Each mans title shall be recorded in the Town Book of Record

By vote adjorn'd to four o Clock this day P M at the meting hous Timothy Sherman Mod'r

on adjornment the Town met and adjorn'd to thursday the first day of December at one o Clock P M at the meting house Timothy Sherman Moderator

The Town met according to adjornment and adjorn'd for half an hour Tim°. Sherman mod'r

The town being met according to adjornment voted to have a Com'. of 3 men to treat with the heirs of Zorobabel Eager and Ephraim Sherman respecting their pew ground in the meting house

By vote Chose Col° Drury Perley Batchellor & Timothy Sherman for s'd Comm'te

By vote adjorn'd to monday the 19th inst at one of the Clock P M Tim°. Sherman Mod'r

December 19 1785 The Town met according to adjornment

Voted that the Town Treasurer shall settle with the proprietors of the old Pews

Voted that s'd Treasurer be ordered to Discount one third part of what the old proprietors pew were sold for to those that Got new pews on the note that they Gave for their pews to Go toward the Last payment on s'd note

and that s'd Treasurer take a Discharge of Each man he settles with as aforesaid for the Safety of the Town

By vote adjorn'd this meting to Tuesday the third day of January next at one of the Clock afternoon to the meting house Timothy Sherman Mod'r

on adjornment the Town met & Dissolv'd meting Timothy Sherman M'd'r

Worcester ss To Capt Joseph Warrin Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house in said Grafton on wednesday the Twenty fifth day of Jan^{y} Instant at at one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said Meeting
2^{d} for the town to Express their mind respecting having a paper Currancy or that Real & personal Estate be made a tender to Satisfy Executions agreable to the recommendation of the General Court and act thereon as they shall think proper
3 For the Town to hear the Request of the Select men respecting George Eyer and act thereon as they shall think proper
4 To see what the town will do with the new Emition money in the hands of the Treasurer
5 To hear the report of the Committee respecting the meetinghouse and act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Seventeenth day of Jan^{y} A^{o} D 1786

Parley Batchellor
Timothy Sherman
Joseph Wood
Zebedee Hedding
Wm Brigham
} Select men for Grafton.

Worcester ss In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the votable Inhabitants of s^{d} Grafton to assemble at the towns meeting house on Wednesday the 25th day of Jan^{y} inst by posting up at both meeting houses in said Grafton

Grafton Jan^{y} 25 1786 Joseph Wardin Constable

Jan^{y} 25th 1786 The town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote chose Parley Batchellor moderator
2^{d} Voted to vote whether the Town will Instruct their Representative to use his Influence at Court for having a paper Currancy made or that real and personal Estate be made a tender for Satisfying Executions past in y^{e} affirm^{a}
5th By vote accepted the report of the Committee for finishing the meeting house and selling the pews
Voted that the notes Given for the pews to the Comm^{te} be turn^{d} into the Treasury
The report of the Committee are that the Cost of finishing the meeting house amounts to £350-3-8
Sale of the pews Amounts to ——— 729-16-6
Deduction made to pay proprietors of the old pues — 65-1-6
Remains to turn into the Treasury 814-11-4

Parley Batchellor moderator

Worcester ss. To Capt Eph[r] Lyon one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton — Greeting —

You are hereby Required in thy name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the Voteable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on the Monday the sixth day of march next at Eight of the Clock in the morning then & there to act on the following articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
2 To Chuse Town officers for the present year
3 To see how the Town will order the schooling the present year
4 To Grant a Sum of Money to repair the highways
5 To see how much shall be allowed for man oxen and Cart per day for work at highways
6 To see if the Swine shall run at Large the present year
7 To accept town Debts
8 To hear the report of the Treasurer
9 To Chuse a Committee to treat with the Trustees Concerning the Indian Seat in the Meeting house or act thereon as they shall think proper
10 For the Town to abate the rate assess'd on Mr. Thomas Hutchinson in the hands of Jonathan Stow Esq[r] Collector or act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this writ and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting —

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this thirteenth day of Feb[y] A D 1786

Perley Batchellor
Joseph Wood
Timothy Sherman
Lebedee Pedding
Wm Brigham
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss. In obedience to this warrant I have notified all the Voteable inhabitants of the town of Grafton to meet at time and place within mentioned by posting a copy of this warrant at Each meeting house in Grafton march 6th 1786
Eph[r] Lyon Constable

March 6th 1786 pursuant to warning the town of Grafton being met proceeded as follows viz[t]

1 By vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator
2d Voted to have five Selectmen
By vote Chose Benj[a] Walker
Thomas Bicknell
Thad[s] Read
Moses Hayden
Hahum Stone
} Selectmen

Voted to have three assessors
By vote Chose Benj[a] Walker
Thomas Bicknell
Thadeus Read
} assessors

By vote adjourn this meeting to two o'Clock afternoon to the meeting house Perley Batchellor Moderator

On adjournment the town met

By vote Chose Joseph Morian June[r] Town Treasurer
By vote Chose Benja Goddard Town Clerk
Voted to have two Constables
By vote Chose Simon Bruce Constable for the north side
By vote Chose Nathaniel Adams Const[l] for the south side

Voted to have two Wardens
By vote Chose Jon^a Stow } Wardens
& Jon^a Peirce }

Voted to Chuse the rest by hand vote
Voted to have 3 Tything men
By vote Chose Cyrel French } Tything men
Tim^o Sherman } and
& Eph^m Wheler } Collectors
Voted to Chuse 7 Surveyors
By vote Chose Math^e Ward }
Math^e Robbins }
Benja^a Leland Jun^r } Surveyors &
Luke Drury } Collectors
Shel^a Stow }
Jon^a Peirce }
& Abner Stow }
Voted to have Seven hogreives
By vote Chose David Robbins }
Isaac Brigham }
Samuel Adams }
James Miller } Hogreives
Moses Adams }
Benja Robberts }
John Knox }
Voted to have two firewards
By vote Chose Amos Davis and Moses Harrington firewards
By vote Chose Zebedee Kidding Sealer of Leather
Voted to have three fence viewers
By vote Chose Luke Drury }
Tim^o Sherman } fence viewers
& Wm Brigham }
By vote Chose Abner Temple Sealer of Lumber
art 3 voted to have a Committee of Eight men to manage
the School the Ensuing year
By vote Chose Joseph Brune }
James Whipple }
Tim^o Johnson }
Perley Batchellor }
Andrew Adams } School Com^{tee}
Wm Brigham }
Benja^a Leland Jun^r }
Joseph Hoods Jun^r }

art 6th voted that the Swine may run at Large the present year

art 4th By vote Granted £100 to repair highways this year
art 5 voted to allow 3/ pr day for a man 1/6 pr day for oxen and 9d pr day for Cart to work on highways the Ensuing year from and after the Last of September
By vote adjourn'd this meeting to monday the 13th day of this Instant march at one o'Clock P.M.

Perley Batchellor Mod^r

March 13th 1786 The Town being met according to adjournment proceeded as follows viz —
art 7th proceeded to accept Town Debts viz —
accepted a Bill Prod in by Joseph Merriam for keeping the Treasury the year past £9-10-0

Accepted of a bill brought in by Thomas Artell for
Boarding Hannah Philips 26 weeks — £3-5-2
accepted an account Brot in by Jon Wood
for providing for George Gyre by Selectmens order 1-12-6
accepted Capt Jon Warrins act for Carrying
poor persons out of town by order of the Selectmen 0-11-0
accepted of Benja Walkers act for making
a Coffin for George wife — 0-8-0
Accepted of Joseph Warrins act for carrying
abigail Clemons out of town with a warrant 0-6-0
accepted of Elijah Bruce act for taking
Care of the meetinghouse & Digging a Grave
for the wife of George Gyre — 0-16-0
Accepted Ephm Lyons act for carrying
Susan Johns to Natick — 1-4-5
Accepted of Benja Goddard act for making
warrants to Carry poor persons out of town 0-3-0
accepted of Jon.a Stows act for making
rates & altering the valuation — 1-10-0
accepted of Thomas Bicknell act for
making rates &c — 1-10-0
accepted Wood & Bruces act for a Book — 0-7-6
Accepted Timothy Shermans act for assisting
in making rates & fixing y valuation — 1-10-0
accepted the Selectmens acct for finding George
Gyre two new shirts — — — 1-1-0

art 8 By vote accepted the report of the Treasurer
Which is as follows viz — — —

We the Subscribers have Examined the state
of the Treasury and find £365-0-10-2
besides the notes Given for the School Land
and pews in pews in the meetinghouse and
paper money we find also £184-18-6-1
that remains unsettled of the money Granted
to repair highways Errors Excepted
Grafton march 3d 1786

Perley Batchellor
Timothy Sherman } Selectmen
Zebedee Keeding
Wm Brigham

art 9th By vote appointed the Selectmen to treat with
the Trustees as mentioned in the nineth article

art 10th Put to vote Whether the town will abate the
rates assessed on Mr Aaron Hutchinson in the hands
of Jon.a Stow Late Constable and it past in the negative

By vote accepted of Simon Bruce to Serve Constable
in Nath.l Adams room Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Capt Joseph Warrin one of the Constables for the Town of Grafton Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the votable Inhabitants of the town of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in said Grafton on Thursday the Twenty third day of this Instant Feb^{y} at two of the Clock afternoon to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said Meeting
2 To hear the petition of Silas Warrin and others concerning supplying the pulpit and act thereon as they think proper
3 To Grant money to supply the pulpit or any other way as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Eighteenth day of February A.D 1786

Joseph Wood
Zebedee Bedding
Perley Batchelder
Jno Sherman
Selectmen for Grafton

return

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton by posting a Copy of the warrant at Each meetinghouse in plan herein mentioned

Grafton 23^{d} Feb^{y} 1786 Joseph Warrin Constable

Feb^{y} 23^{d} 1786 the Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator
By vote Chose Zebedee Bedding Clerk pro tem
2 Voted to hire preaching as mentioned in the 2^{d} article
Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to provide preaching By vote Chose Jon^{a} Stow Joseph Merriam Jr & Silas Warrin for said Committee
3^{d} By vote Granted £20 — to Supply the pulpit
By vote adjourn this meting to the 6th day of march next at one o Clock P.M. Perley Batchellor Mod^{r}.
The above minutes taken from the Clerk
Pro tem^{o} attest Benja Goddard Clerk

Worcester ss To Capt Eph^{r} Lyon one of the Constables for the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the Sixth day of this Instant march at five o Clock P.M. it being the Day appointed to Chuse Town officers for the present year then & there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting ——
2 To Bring in their votes for a County Register

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this third day of march AD 1786

Perley Batchellor
Timothy Sherman
Ebenezer Redding
Wm Brigham
Selectmen for Grafton

Worcesterss in obedience to this warrant I have warnd all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place within mentioned by poting a Copy of the within

march 6th 1786 The Town met pursuant to warning and Brot in Twenty seven votes for Daniel Cass[?] County Regr

attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Worcesterss To Mr Simon Bruce Constable for the Town of Grafton —— Greeting You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to Vote for Governors & Senators to meet & assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in Said Grafton on monday the third day of april next at one of the Clock PM to act on the fallowing artic[les]

viz 1 To Vote for a Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators according at the Law Direct

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this Warrant and of your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting. Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Twentieth day of march AD. 1786

Benja Walker
Thomas Bicknell
Moses Hayden
Nathan Stone
Selectmen for Grafton

Worcesterss in obedience to the within warrant I have warnd all the votable inhabitants of S[aid] Town by setting up notifications at both meetinghouses in S[aid] Town Grafton 22d march 1786

Simon Bruce Constable

April 3. 1786 the Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and Brought in their votes for Governor Lt Gov & Senators fallows viz

For his Excellency James Bowdoin	Esq	17	Governor
For Nathaniel Gorham	Esq	5	Governor
For Benjamin Lincoln	Esq	2	Governor
For his Excellency John Hancock	Esq	1	Governor
For Hon Francis Dana	Esq	1	Governor
For Hon Thomas Cushing	Esq	26	Lieut. Governor

For Senators as fallows viz

Moses Gill	Esq	17
Samuel Baker	Esq	17
Israel Nichols	Esq	17
Joth Washburn	Esq	15
Abel Wilder	Esq	11
Jonathan Warner	Esq	6
Ebenezer Crafts	Esq	2

Senators

Mr James Bradish — 2
Capt. Zebedee Redding — 2
Mr Elijah Brigham — 2
David Batchellor Esq — 2
Capt. Abraham Batchellor — 2
} Senators

Benja Walker } By order of the Select men of Grafton
Benja Goddard } Clerk for the Town of Grafton

Worcesterss To Mr Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton Greeting
These are to require you in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified to vote for Representatives to met & assemble at the town meetinghouse on monday the 15th of may Inst at one Clock P.M. To Chuse one Good & Lawful man to Represent said Town at the Great & Genl Court the present year
Hereof fail not & make return of your doings to some one of us at ~~Just one hour~~ before the hour of meeting
Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton the 4th day of may A.D. 1786

Benja Walker
Moses Hayden
Thad. Read
Thomas Bucknell
} Select men for Grafton

Worcesterss In obedience to this warrant I have notified such of the Inhabitants of Grafton as are Qualified to vote for a Representative to meet at time & place ~~that~~ in mentioned in the within warrant By posting notifications at both meeting houses in Grafton
Grafton may 5th 1786 Simon Bruce } Constable

may 15th 1786 The town met and made Choice of Doctor Joseph Wood To Represent said Town of Grafton at the Great and General Court the present year attest B Goddard Town Clerk

Worcesterss To Mr Simon Bruce Constable These are therefore to Require you in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to met & assemble at the towns meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the fifteenth day of may instant at three of the Clock P.M. then & there to act on the following articles viz —
1st To Chuse a moderator to Regulate sd meeting
2d To have them come into some Method to procure weights & measures and have them Sealed according as the Law directs or act thereon as they shall think proper
3d To See what method the town will come into respecting the Towns Stock of ammunition & other articles and act thereon as they shall think proper
4th To have the Town appoint some man or men to keep the Town Stock of Ammunition & other articles and weights and measures or act thereon as they shall think proper

5th To hear the Request of Patience Nichols Respecting the Support of her Son Isaac and act thereon as they Shall think proper

6th To See what measures the Town will come into Respecting the Support of George Lyon or act thereon as they Shall think proper

& make Due return to Some one of us on or before the hour of Sd Meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 4th day of may A.D. 1786

Benja Walker, Moses Hayden, Thomas Bicknell, Thaddeus Mead } Select men of Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to the within warrant I have set up Notifications at Both meeting houses in Said Grafton and by them I have warned all the free holders & other Inhabitants that are qualified by Law to vote in town meeting to meet at the time & place that is mentioned in the within warrant

Grafton 15th May 1786 Simon Bruce Constable

May 15th 1786 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz —

1 By vote chose Benja Walker moderator for Sd meeting —

2d voted that the Select men Shall draw a Sufficiency of money out of the Treasury to procure Such weights and measures for the Town as are wanting

3d By vote prohibited the Select men from lending to any one any of the Town Stock of Ammunition tools or what Ever

4th Voted to Build a powder house to put the war like Stores belonging to the town in — —

voted to have a Com. of three men to See where how & in what manner Sd house Shall be Built and make report to the town in this or Some other meeting

By a vote chose Lt Luke Brutty, Capt Jebedee Redding, & Lt Benja Walker } a Committee for that purpose

art 5th passd By —

art 6th passd By — Benja Walker Moderator —

Worcester ss To Mr Simon Bruce Constable for the Town of Grafton — Upon you are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote In Town meetings to meet and assemble at the Towns meeting house on Thursday the 22d day of this Instant June at 4 o'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles (viz

1st To Chuse a moderator to regulate said meeting
2d To hear the Request of a Committee by a Circular Letter from the Town of Spencer Requesting us to join with them in a County Convention in order to petition the Legislative Body for Redress of Grievances occationed by the Great want of a Circulating Medium and act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting. Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 17th day of June AD 1786 —

Benja Walker
Thadeus Kent
Thomas Bicknell
Moses Hayden
Hahum Stone
} Select men of Grafton

June 22d 1786 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz
1st By a vote Chose Thomas Bicknell Modr
2d after reading the Circular letter the Subject matter of which is in the warrant Voted to Send two Deligates to Convention agreable to the 2d article in the warrant
By vote Chose Colo Luke Drury
By vote Chose Thomas Bicknell
} Deligates

Thos Bicknell Modr

Worcester ss To Mr Simon Bruce Constable for the Town of Grafton — you are hereby Directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house in said Grafton on monday the 14th Day of this Instant august at 3 oClock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles (viz)
1st To Chuse a moderator to regulate said meeting
2d To Give the Deligates who are to set in County Convention such Instructions as they shall think most proper
3d To act upon any matter that shall appear Necessary to be Done in said Town
Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under ~~—~~ 143 our hands and Seals
at Grafton this fifth day of august in the
year of our Lord 1786

Benja Walker } Selectmen
Thomas Bicknell } for Grafton
Moses Hayden

Worcester ss August 14th 1786
In obedience to the warrant
I have notified the Notable
Inhabitants to meet at time
& place agreable to the within
warrant by setting up notifi-
cations at both the meeting
houses in Grafton Simon Bruce Constable

August 14 1786 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant
to warning proceeded as follows viz —
1st By a vote chose Perley Batchellor moderator
and 2d voted to Instruct the Deligates mentioned in the
Second article
voted to have a committe of three men to Draw
up instructions By vote chose Nath Thurman Joseph
Wood & Ephraim Lyon for said Committe
By vote adjourned to six o Clock this day at this place
On adjournment the Town met and Perley Batchellor for the
the report of said Committe which is as follows viz
Your Committe Chosen to Give Instructions to the
Deligates Chosen to set in County Convention have
attended the Business and report as follows viz —
1st that it is our opinion that it is of the greatest Impor
tance to this Commonwealth that the General Court
be moved out of Boston
2d That the way and manner in which the Supplie
mentary aid is Granted is Calculated to aggrandize
Individuals and to Distress the people at Large
3d That the Court of Common pleas be annihilated
4th That it is absolutely necessary that there be im
mediate relief on account of a Circulating Medium
5th That the State of this Commonwealth respecting
the arrearage of taxes be look'd into and the Cause
the Deficiency lies
6th That Salaries in General are too high and Excessive
tant Grants too frequent
voted that the above report be the Instructions for
the Delegates mentioned in the warrant
Then by vote Dissolved this meeting
Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Simon Bruce Constable for the
Town of Grafton you are hereby required
in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachu
setts to warn all the Inhabitants of the Town
of Grafton qualified by Law to vote in town
affairs to meet & assemble at the Town meeting
house in said Grafton on Monday the Twenty-
fifth day of this Instant September at one o Clock
P M then & there to act on the following articles
viz

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Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Kidding & Moses Hayden all of Gratton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent. are appointed by Legal vote of said Gratton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the pews in the meeting house of said Town and being Duly authorised for the purpose aforesaid —— For and in Consideration of The Sum of Twenty-five pounds ten shillings to us in hand paid by Elijah Drury of the Town aforesaid Gent the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have Sold and do by these presents Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Elijah Drury his heirs and assigns forever a certain pew in said meeting House No 34 on the Lower floor to his and their only use Benefit and Behoof forever

In testimony whereof we the above named Committe have in the Character of a Committee for & in behalf of s'd Town of Gratton hereunto Set our hands & Seals this 28th day of November AD 1785

In presents of
Benja Goddard
Jon'a Stow.

Benjamin Walker (L.S.)
Joseph Wood —— (L.S.)
Luke Drury —— (L.S.)
Zebedee Kidding —— (L.S.)
Moses Hayden —— (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Kidding & Moses Hayden all of Gratton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent. are appointed by Legal vote of s'd Gratton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the pews in the Meeting house of s'd Town & being authorized for the purpose aforesaid For & In Consideration of the Sum of fifteen pounds six shillings to us in hand paid by Silas Warrin of the Town aforesaid Husbandman the Receipt we do hereby acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Silas Warrin his heirs and assigns forever a certain pew in the Meeting house No 26 on the Lower floor to his and their only use Benefit and Behoof forever. In testimony whereof we the above-named Committe have in the Carractor of a Committee for & in behalf of said Town of Gratton hereunto Set our hands & Seals this 28th day of November 1785

In presence of
Tim'o Sherman
Phinehas Leland

Benjamin Walker (L.S.)
Joseph Wood —— (L.S.)
Luke Drury —— (L.S.)
Zebedee Kidding —— (L.S.)
Moses Hayden —— (L.S.)

(Walker

Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebdee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent. are appointed by Legal voter of said Town a Committee for the Sale & Conveyance of all the Pews in the meeting house of Said Town being duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of Nine pounds Eighteen shillings to us in hand paid by Daniel Warrin of the Town aforesaid yeoman The Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Daniel Warrin his heirs and assigns for ever a certain pew in the Meeting house No 10 In the Galary to his and their only use Benefit and Behoof forever In Testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Caracter of a Committee for & in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto Set our hands & Seals this 28th day of November 1785

In presence of
Timothy Sherman
Amos Davis

Benjamin Walker — (seal)
Joseph Wood — (seal)
Luke Drury — (seal)
Zebedee Redding — (seal)
Moses Hayden — (seal)

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebdee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent. are appointed by Legal voter of said town a Committee the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in the meeting house of said Town and being duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for & in Consideration of the Sum of Twelve pounds Seven shillings and Six pence to us in hand paid by Aaron Kimball of the Town aforesaid Gent. the Receipt where of we do hereby acknowledge have sold and by these presents Do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Aaron Kimball his heirs and assigns forever a Certain Pew in said meeting house No 29 on the Lower floor to his and their only Benefit and Behoof forever In testimony whereof we the above named Committee for and in behalf of said Town hereunto Set our hands and Seal this 28th Day of November AD 1785

In Presence of
Daniel Rand
Eleazer Leland

Benja Walker — (seal)
Joseph Wood — (seal)
Zebedee Redding — (seal)
Moses Hayden — (seal)
Luke Drury — (seal)

Know all men by these presents that Whereas we Benja Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Common wealth of Massachusetts Gent. are appointed by Legal vote of said Town a Committee for the sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in the meeting house in said Grafton and being authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the sum of fifteen pounds to us in hand paid by Shelomith Stow of the Town aforesaid Gent. the Receipt Whereof we do hereby acknowledge have sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Shelomith Stow his heirs and assigns forever a Certain Pew in said Meeting house No 12 on the Lower floor to his and their only use benefit and behoof forever In testimony Whereof we the abovenamed Committee have in the Character of a Committee for and in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands and Seal this 28th day of Novem. A.D. 1785

In presence of
Joseph Whipple
Timothy Sherman

Benja Walker — (L.S.)
Luke Drury — (L.S.)
Zebedee Redding — (L.S.)
Moses Hayden — (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that Whereas we Benja Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Common wealth of Massachusetts Gent. are appointed by Legal vote of said Town of Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the pews in the meeting house of said Town and being duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and In Consideration of the sum of Fifteen pounds twelve Shillings to us in hand paid by Benja Goddard of the town aforesaid Esq the Receipt Whereof we do hereby acknowledge have sold and do by these presents Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said Benja Goddard his heirs and assigns forever a Certain pew in the said Meeting house No III on the Lower floor to his and their only use benefit and behoof forever

In testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Caracter of a Committee for and in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands and Seal this 28th day of Novr. 1785

In presents of
Joseph Hill
Jona. Stow

Benja Walker — (L.S.)
Joseph Wood — (L.S.)
Luke Drury — (L.S.)
Zebedee Redding — (L.S.)
Moses Hayden — (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Kidding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent. are appointed by Legal Votes of said Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the pews in the meetinghouse of said Town and being duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of Twelve pounds thirteen shillings & Six pence to us in hand paid by Zebulun Daniels of the Town aforesaid yeoman The receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have sold and by these presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said Zebulun Daniels his heirs & Assigns forever a certain pew in s.d meetinghouse No 17 on the Lower floor to his & their only use Benefit and behoof forever In Testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for and in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto Set our hands & seals the 28th day of Novem.r AD 1785

In presence of
Jn.o Sherman
Aaron Kimball

Benjamin Walker — (L.S.)
Joseph Wood — (L.S.)
Luke Drury — (L.S.)
Zebedee Kidding — (L.S.)
Moses Hayden — (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that I Zebulun Daniels of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman For & in Consideration of Eight pounds Ten shillings to me in hand paid by Elisha Brigham of the Town County & aforesaid yeoman the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Elisha Brigham & to his heirs and Assigns forever Two full third parts and no more of a certain Pew in the Congregational meetinghouse in said Town said Pew being No 17 on the Lower floor s.d Two thirds of Pew to his and their only use Benefit and behoof forever In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this Seventh day of Feb.y AD 1786

In presence of
Jeff
Daniel Grosvenor
Sally Hall

Zebulun Daniels — (L.S.)

Test

Worcester ss march 18th 1786 The forenamed Zebulun Daniels acknowledged this Instrument by him subscribed to be his free act & Deed Before me Benja Goddard Justice

Know all men by these presents that Whereas we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Ebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent. are appointed by Legal votes of said Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in said Meetinghouse of said Town and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of ten pounds Eleven shillings & Six pence to us in hand paid by Elisha Warren of the Town aforesaid yeoman the Receipt whereof we do acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Elisha Warrin his Heirs & Assigns forever a certain Pew in the Meetinghouse No. 8 in the Galery to his and their only use benefit and behoof forever In testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for and in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands and Seals this 28th day of Novem. AD 1785

In presence of
Timothy Johnson
Amos Davis

Benja Walker (L.S.)
Joseph Wood (L.S.)
Luke Drury (L.S.)
Ebedee Redding (L.S.)
Moses Hayden (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that whereas I Elisha Warrin of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman Do for and in Consideration of the Sum of two pounds twelve shillings & ten pence to me in hand paid by Jonathan Whipple of the town aforesaid yeoman the Receipt whereof I do acknowledge have sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Jonathan Whipple his heirs & assigns forever one fourth part of a certain pew in the Meeting house of said Grafton No. 8 in the Galery to him and their only use Benefit and Behoof forever

In testimony whereof I the above named Elisha Warrin aforesaid yeoman have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of December 1785

Elisha Warrin (L.S.)

In presence of
Caleb Leland
Josiana Goddard

Worcester ss Feb. 17th 1786 acknowledged
Before me Benja Goddard Just Peace

Know all men by these presents that I Elisha Warrin of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Common Wealth of Massachusetts yeoman do for and in Consideration of the Sum of Two pounds twelve Shillings and ten pence to me in hand paid by Caleb Leland of the Town aforesaid yeoman the Receipt whereof I do acknowledge have sold and by these presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said Caleb Leland his heirs and assigns forever one fourth part of a certain Pew in the meetinghouse of said Grafton No 8 in the Galery to him & their only use Benefit & Behoof forever

In Testimony whereof I the above named Elisha Warrin have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Seventeenth day of February AD 1786

Elisha Warrin (LS)

In presence of
Joshua Goulding
Jonathan Whipple

Worcester ss Feb 17th 1786 The forenamed Elisha Warrin acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act & Deed Before Benja Goddard Just Peace

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Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Warrin Gent. of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts for & in Consideration of the sum of fourteen pounds Six Shillings & ~~Eight~~ pence to me in hand paid by Eleazer Leland of the Town & County aforesaid Gentleman the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge my self Satisfied with have sold and by these presents do Sell Conveig & Confirm unto him the said Eleazer Leland his heirs and assigns forever a certain pew in the meetingh[ouse] in said Grafton No 10 on the Lower floor to him his heirs forever to their only use Benefit and behoof forever In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 28th day of Novem 1785

In presence of
Zebedee Redding
Moses Hayden

Joseph Warrin (LS)

Worcester ss march 6th 1786 the forenamed Joseph Warrin acknowledged this Instrument to be his free act & Deed Coram
Benja Goddard Just Peace

Know all men by these presents that Whereas we Benja Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Common wealth of Massachusetts Gentlemen are appointed by Legal voter of said Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in the meetinghouse of said Town and being duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for & in Consideration of the Sum of Twelve pounds Eighteen Shillings to us in

in hand paid by Moses Cutler of the Town aforesaid Husbandman the Receipt Whereof we do hereby acknowledge have Sold and do by these presents Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said Moses Cutler his heirs and assigns forever a certain Pew in said meeting house No 18 on the Lower floor to his and their only use benefit and Behoof forever In testimony of which we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for & in Behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto Sett our hands and Seals this 28th day of Novr 1785

In presence of
Jnº Sherman
Zebª Daniels

Benja Walker (L.S.)
Jos Wood (L.S.)
Luke Drury (L.S.)
Zebedee Kidding (L.S.)
Moses Hayden (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benjamin Walker Jos Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Kidding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gentlemen appointed by Legal Votes of said Town a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in the meeting house of s Town and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in consideration of the Sum of five pounds seventeen shillings to us in hand paid by Joseph Grout of the Town aforesaid Physician the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have Sold and ∓ do by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Joseph Grout his heirs and assigns forever one half of a certain Pew in the meeting house No 35 on the Lower floor to his & their only use benefit & Behoof forever

In testimony Whereof we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for & in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto Set our hands & Seals this Second day of January 1786

In presence of
Nathl Sherman
Joseph Warren

Benja Walker (L.S.)
Zebedee Kidding (L.S.)
Moses Hayden (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benja Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Kidding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent appointed by Legal Votes of said Town a Committee for the Sale & Conveyance of all the pews in the meeting house of said Town being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for & in Consideration of the Sum of five pounds seventeen shillings to us in hand paid by Joseph Hills of the Town aforesaid Blacksmith the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Joseph Hills his heirs & assigns forever one half of a certain Pew in s meeting house No 35 on the Lower floor to his & their only use benefit & Behoof forever In testimony whereof we the above named Committee for & in behalf of s Town of Grafton have hereunto Set our hands & Seals this 2d day of January 1786

In presence of
Nathl Sherman
Joseph Warren

Benja Walker (L.S.)
Zebedee Kidding (L.S.)
Moses Hayden (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Tebedee Kedding and Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent. are appointed by Legal vote of s.d Town a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the pews in the meetinghouse of said Town and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid For and in Consideration of the Sum of Eight pounds fourteen shillings to us in hand paid by Nathaniel Adams of the Town aforesaid Husbandman the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have sold and by these presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said Nathaniel Adams his heirs and assigns forever a Certain pew in the meetinghouse No. 11 in the Galery to his and their only use Benefit and behoof forever. In testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for and in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands and Seals this 28th day of Nov.r 1785

In presence of
Timothy Johnson
Israel Davis

Benja Walker — (L.S.)
Joseph Wood — (L.S.)
Luke Drury — (L.S.)
Tebedee Kedding — (L.S.)
Moses Hayden — (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Tebedee Kedding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gentlemen are appointed by Legal vote of said Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the pews in the meetinghouse of s.d Town and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of Twenty Eight pounds to us in hand paid by Simon Brown of the Town aforesaid Trader the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have sold and by these presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said Simon Brown his heirs & assigns for Ever a Certain pew in the meeting house No. 25 to his and their only use benefit & behoof forever In Testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for and in behalf of s.d Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands and Seals this 28th day of Nov.r 1785

In presence of
Nath.l Sherman
Joseph Warren

Benja Walker — (L.S.)
Joseph Wood — (L.S.)
Luke Drury — (L.S.)
Tebedee Kedding — (L.S.)
Moses Hayden — (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that we Moses Harrington of Grafton in the County of Worcester yeoman and Hannah his wife for and in Consideration of the sum of Six pounds Eighteen Shillings to us in hand paid by Cyrus French of said Grafton Gentleman the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have sold and by these presents do Sell

& Confirm
and Convey unto him the Said Cyrus French his heirs
and assigns forever one half of a certain Pew No 28
in Said Grafton meeting house upon the floor to his and
their only use Benefit & behoof forever
In testimony Whereof we have hereunto Set our hands
and Seals this nineteenth day of Decem. AD 1785
and the ninth year of Independance of America

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in presence of us
Nathl Adams
Mary Adams

Moses Harrington — (L.S.)
Hannah Harrington — (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that we Moses Hayden
of Grafton in the County of worcester Gentleman and Mercy
his wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of Six pounds
ten Shillings and Six pence to us in hand before the Insea-
ling hereof paid by Nathaniel Adams of Grafton aforesaid
Gentleman The Receipt whereof we do hereby acknow-
ledge that we have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey
& Confirm unto him the Said Nath.l his heirs Executors
and assigns forever the one half of a Certain pew No 6
upon the wall below in the towns meeting house in Said
Grafton to his and their only proper use benefit, and
behoof forever and we do hereby firmly Engage for our
Selves our heirs & assigns forever to warrant Secure and
Defend the one half part of Sd Pew in Common and undivided
to the Said Nath.l his heirs and assigns forever from the
Lawful Claims or Demands of any person or persons whatever
In witness Whereof we have hereunto Set our hands
and Seals the Seventh day of April in the year of our
Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty six

Sign.d Sealed & Delivered
in presence of us
Elisha Hayden
Solomon Hayden

Moses Hayden (L.S.)
Mercy Hayden — (L.S.)

Worcester Decem.r 30.th 1786 Then the forenamed Moses
Hayden acknowledged this Instrument to be his free act & deed
Before me Benj.a Goddard Just Peace

Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin
Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Kidding and
Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of worcester
and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gen.l appointed by
Legal vote of Sd Grafton a Committee for the Sale and
Conveyance of all the pews in the meeting house of Said
Town and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesd
for and in Consideration of the Sum of Six pounds Seven
Shillings to us in hand paid by Simeon Keith of the

Town aforesaid yeoman The Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said Simeon Keith his hiers and assigns forever a Certain Pew in the meetinghouse ~~Court~~ No 12 in the Gallery to his and their only Use Benefit & behoof forever. In testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for & in Behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto Set our hands and Seals this 28th day of Novr 1785

In presence of
Timothy Johnson
Amos Davis

Benja Walker (L.S.)
Joseph Wood (L.S.)
Luke Drury (L.S.)
Zebedee Redding (L.S.)
Moses Hayden (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Genl are appointed by Legal vote of said Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in ~~the~~ the meetinghouse of sd Town and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of Twelve pounds three Shillings to us in hand paid by Daniel Hand of the Town aforesd Husbandman the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said Daniel Hand his hiers and assigns forever a certain pew in sd meetinghouse No 36 on the Lower floor to his and their only Use Benefit and behoof forever —
In testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for and in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto Set our hands and Seals this 28th day of Novr 1785

In presence of
Thadeus Read
Eleazer Leland

Benja Walker (L.S.)
Joseph Wood (L.S.)
Luke Drury (L.S.)
Zebedee Redding (L.S.)
Moses Hayden (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that I Silas Warren of Grafton in the County of worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman for and in Consideration of Seven pounds thirteen Shillings ~~and~~ to me in hand well and truly paid by Zebedee Redding of the town & County aforesaid Gentleman the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the sd Zebedee Redding his hiers and assigns forever the one half of a

Certain Pew in the Meeting house of the Town & County aforesaid No 26 on the Lower floor to his and their only use Benefit & behoof forever —

In Testimony whereof I the above named Silas Warrin for my self my heirs Heirs Executors & Administrators Do Covenant and Engage the above Demised premises to him his heirs & assigns against the Lawful Claims or Demands of any person or persons What soever forever hereafter to warrant Secure and Defend by these presents In witness whereof I have this First day of Jany A D One thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven hereunto Set my hand and Seal

In Presence of
Amos Davis
Bathe Adams

Silas Warrin (Ls)

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Bedding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Common wealth of Massachusetts Gent. are appointed by Legal votes of said Town a Committee for the Sale & Conveyance of all the pews in the meetinghouse in the said Town & being duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of Seven pounds four Shillings to us in hand ~~Lawfully~~ paid by Elijah Brooks of the Town aforesaid yeoman the Receipt whereof we do acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Elijah his heirs and assigns forever a certain Pew in said meetinghouse No 5 in the Galery to his & their only use Benefit and Behoof forever In testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Charactor of a Committee for and in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands and Seals this 28th day of Nov. 1785

In presence of
Timothy Johnson
Amos Davis

Benja Walker (Ls)
Joseph Wood (Ls)
Luke Drury (Ls)
Zebedee Bedding (Ls)
Moses Hayden (Ls)

viz 1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2d To Grant money for Schooling and other Town Charges or act thereon as they shall think prosper
3d To See if the Town will Survey the Towns Common or act thereon as they shall think prosper
4th To See if the Town will Grant more money to hire Preaching, or act thereon as they shall think prosper
5th To See if the Town will Instruct their Representatives in General Court or act thereon as they shall
6th To See if the Town will Give their Deligates in Convention further Instructions or act thereon as they shall think prosper

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant to Some one of us at or before the hour of Said meeting Given under our hands & Seal Dated at Grafton this Eighth day of September A.D. 1786

Benja Walker
Moses Hayden
Thomas Bicknell
Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss 25th September 1786 In obedience to this warrant I have notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to met at the time & place that is mentioned in this warrant by setting up notifications at Both meetinghouses in Grafton

Simon Brown Constable

Sept. 25 1786 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

art 1 By a vote chose Perley Batchellor moderator
art 3 voted to have a Committee of three men to Survey the Towns Common By vote Chose Thaddeus Read James Whipple & Ephraim Thurman for s Committee
art 2d By vote Granted £60 for Schooling & by vote Granted 10 more for other town Charges
4th Put to vote whether the town will Grant more money to hire preaching & it pass'd in the Negative
5th voted to have a Committee of three to Draw up instructions for the Representative By vote Chose Thos Bicknell Luke Drury & Nath.l Thurman for said Committee
6th voted to Give the Deligates in Convention further Instruction voted to have a Committee of 3 men to Draw up the Instructions
By a vote Chose Thaddeus Read Jonathan Wood & Perley Batchellor for said Committee
By vote adjourn.d for 15 minutes to this place Perley Batchellor moderator

On adjournment the town met and voted to adopt all the articles mentioned in the Last Resolves of the County Convention the 2d article Excepted as Instructions for said Deligates
By vote adjourn.d to the 30th day of this Instant at one of the Clock P.M. to the meeting house

Perley Batchellor moderator

Sept. 30th 1786 The town met on adjournment and put to vote whether the town will Instruct their Representative agreable to the warrant and it pass'd in the Negative Perley Batchellor Moderator

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Worcester ss To Mr Simon Bruce Constable for the Town of Grafton you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet & assemble at the Town meetinghouse in sd Grafton on Wednesday the 29th day of this Instant November at one o'Clock P.M Then and there to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To Chuse a moderator to Regulate Said Meeting
2dly To See if the Town will Dispose of the order Given to the Town for the fine on No 2 Tax at the best they Can or Grant money to Defray Town Charges the present year or act thereon as they Shall think prosper
3dly To have the Town Dispose of the Claboards left of the meetinghouse and part of a Hogshead of Lime left in Colo Goulding hands or act thereon as they Shall think prosper
4 To See if the Town will Rent the Deacons pew in the meetinghouse or act thereon as they Shall think prosper
5 To See what the Town will do with the Securities Given for the pews and act thereon as they Shall think prosper
6 To hear the report of the Committee Chosen to survey the Towns Common and act thereon as they Shall think prosper

Hereof fail not and make Due return to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seals at Grafton this 13th day of November AD 1786 Benja Walker, Thomas Bicknell, Thadeus Mead } Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss

In obedience to this within warrant I have notified all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Grafton qualified by Law to vote in town meeting to meet at time and place that is mentioned in the within warrant by posting up notifications at both meeting houses in sd Grafton

Grafton 28th of Novr 1786 Simon Bruce Constl

November 29th 1786 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning proceeded as follows (Viz)

1 By vote Chose Benja Walker Moderator

2d put to vote whether the town will Dispose of the order mentiond in the 2d article at the best way they can and it past in the Negative

By vote adjourn'd to the 15th of December next at one o'Clock P.M at the meting house Benja Walker Mod'r

On adjornment the town being met proceeded as follows

3d Voted to have the Selectmen Dispose of the Cabboard and Lime which was left of the meetinghouse to the best advantage they can for the town

4th Dismiss'd

an 2d By vote Granted £30 to Defray Town Charges of present year

5 Voted that the Interest of the Securities for the pews shall be paid and new notes Given with Bondsmen to the acceptance of the town and that the Deduction of the old pews be made from the time the Securities were Given for the pews

Voted to have a Committee of three men to renew the notes Given for the pews with Bondsmen or Security to Committees satisfaction sd notes to be on Demand

By a vote Chose Joseph Meriam Junr
Perley Batchelor } for sd Comtee
& Simon Bruce

By vote ordered the Treasurer to Call upon those men for the money Due for their pews that refuse to pay the Interest now Due and to procure bondsmen as aforesaid Benja Walker Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Simon Bruce Constable for the Town of Grafton you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to meet & assemble at the towns meetinghouse in said Grafton on Wednesday the 17th day of this Instant January at 12 oClock at noon then & there to act on the following articles (Viz)

1 To Chuse a moderator to Regulate said Meeting

2d To hear the Governors orders respecting procuring provision and Camp utensils & Carriages for the men now called for and act thereon as they shall think proper Hereof fail not and make Due return to some one of us at or before the Hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 15th day of January 1787

Benja Walker
Thomas Bicknell
Moses Hayden
Thadeus Read
} Select men for Grafton

Return

Worcestersh 17th Jan'y 1787 In obedience to this warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote in town meeting to met & assemble at the time & place as is mentioned in the within warrant by setting up notifications at both meeting houses in s'd Grafton and by sending Verbal information to all parts of the Town. Simon Brue Constable

Jan'y 17: 1787 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as followes (viz)

1 By vote chose Benja Walker moderator for s'd meeting

By vote adjourn'd for one hour to s'd meeting house

Benja Walker mod'r

On adjournment the town met and adjourn'd to friday next at 2 o'Clock P.M. to s'd meeting house Benja Walker mod'r

on adjournment the Town met & Dissolved the meeting

Benja Walker Mod'r

Worcestersh To Mr Simon Brue Constable for Grafton you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitant of s'd Town Qualified by Law to vote in town meeting to assemble at the town meeting house in s'd Grafton on Wednesday the 17th day of this Instant January at 3 o'Clock P.M. then & there to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To Chuse a moderator to regulate s'd meeting

2 To have the town come into some method respecting procuring the men now called for to be Detached accordin to the Governors orders or act thereon as they think proper

Hereof fail not and make Due returne of this warrant to some one of us at or before the Hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 17th day of Jan'y A.D. 1787

Benja Walker
Thad'r Read
Reuben Stow
} Select men for Grafton

Worcestersh 17th Jan'y 1787 In obedience to this warrant I have notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote in town meeting to met & assemble at time and place that is mentioned in this warrant by reading the same at the major part of the publick places in s'd Town and also by reading it to a Large number of people that were standing near the meeting house on the Towns Common

Simon Brue Constable

Jan'y 17th 1787 The town being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as followes (viz)

1 By vote Chose Benja Walker Moderator for s'd meeting

2d Put to vote whether the Town hire the men called for and it pass'd in the Negative

Then put to vote whether the town are for sending the men now called for, & it pass'd in Negative

Then adjourn'd to friday next at one of the Clock P.M. to ye meeting house

Benja Walker mod

on adjournment the Town met and adjourned for one hour to the meeting house Benja Walker Moderator

Worcestss To Mr Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to meet and assemble at the Towns meeting house in sd Town on Saturday the 27th day of this Instant Jany at one of Clock P.M. then & there to act on the following articles

1 To Chuse a moderator to Regulate sd meeting

2d to have the Town adopt some method as quick as may be to treet for peace in our present Circumstances and act thereon as they shall think prosperous

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the hour of sd meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at sd Grafton the 26th day of Jany 1787 Benja Walker
Thomas Bicknell } Select Men
Hahum Stone } of Grafton

Worcestss Jany 27th 1787 In obidience to this warrant I have notified & warned as many of the freeholders and other Inhabitant of this town qualified by law to vote in town meeting to meet & assemble at time and place that is mentioned in this warrant by notifying them in person and sending verbal Information to almost Every part of sd Town and by Leaving information to all the Innholders & Retailers in sd Town

Simon Bruce Constable

Jany 27th 1787 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning & proceeded as followes viz

1 By vote chose Benja Walker moderator

2d Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men to Draft a petitions for a treaty of Peace

By vote Chose Benja Goddard
Nath Sherman
Elkn Lyon
Thomas Bicknell
& Benja Walker } Committee

By vote adjourn'd for one hour Benja Walther Moder.
on adjournment the Town met and accepted the petition Drafted by the Committee to send to the General Court and that the Town Clerk Shall send an attested Copy thereof to the General Court

By vote accepted the substance of the petition Drafted to go to Genl Lincoln and ordered that the Town Clerk Shall send the Substance thereof Attested by him to Genl Lincoln

Benja Walther, Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Simon Bruce Constable for
the Town of Grafton - -

You are hereby Required in the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts To warn all the votable Inhabitants of said Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for Town Officers to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house on monday the fifth day of march next at Eight o Clock A M then and there to act on the following artides (viz) 1st To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate s meeting
2d To Chuse Town officers for the present year
3d To accept Town Debts - - -
4th To abate such Rates in the Late Constables hands as the Town Shall think Proper or act thereon as they Shall think fit
5th To have the Town Rent the Deaf Pew in the meeting house or act thereon as they Shall think proper
6th To have the Town make Such alterations in the Squadrons for Schooling as they Shall think Necessary or act thereon as they Shall think prosper - - -
7th To hear the Report of the Committee Chosen to Survey the Town Common and act thereon as they Shall think prosper
8th To have the Town Build a work house for the Poor of the Town or act thereon as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Due return Due Return of this warrant to Some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands and Seal Dated at Grafton this sixteenth day of Feb^{y} A^{o} 1787

Benj^{a} Walker
Moses Hayden
Asahum Stone
} Select men for Grafton

Worcester^{s} March 5th 1787 In obedience to this warrant I have notified & warned all the free holders & other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet & assemble at time and place that is mentioned in the within warrant. The notifications that have given was by setting up a true Copy of this warrant at both meeting houses in s^{d} Grafton

Test Simon Brown Constable

March 5th 1787 The Town of Grafton Being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows (viz)

1st By vote Chose Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

2^{d} Voted to have five Select men ——

By vote Chose Benj^{a} Goddard
Nath^{l} Sherman
Joseph Wood
Jon^{a} Wheler
& Eben^{r} Wadsworth
} Select men

Voted to have three assessors ——

By vote Chose David Wadsworth
Joseph Wood
& Eph^{m} Lyon
} assessors

Voted to Adjourn the meting for one hour & half to the meeting house —— Nath^{l} Sherman Mod^{r}

On adjournment the Town met & proceded to Business

By vote Chose Joseph Merriam Jun^{r} Town Treasurer

By vote Chose Benj^{a} Goddard Town Clerk ——

Voted to have two Constables

By vote Chose Moses Hayden
& Eleazer Leland
} Constables

Voted to Chuse the rest of the officers by hand vote

voted to Chuse two wardens

By vote Chose Ephraim Lyon
& Elisha Brigham
} wardens

voted to have 3 Tything men

By vote Chose Amos Davis
Joseph Whipple
& Jim^{a} Johnson
} Tything men

Voted to have Seven Surveyors & Collators of the highway tax ——

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By vote Chose Benja Walker
Moses Harrington
Jona. Stow
Moses Sherman
Benjo Laithe
Daniel Rand
Nahum Stone
} Surveyors of highways & Collectors of the highway tax

voted to have seven Hogreives
By vote Chose Ebenr Cutler
Simon Brue
Sam. Adams
Joshua Leland
Jonas Brown Jr
Jeremiah Batchellor
John C. Pratt
} Hogreives

voted to have 3 fence viewers
By vote Chose
Abnr. Stow
Jnº. Sherman
& Wm Brigham
} fence viewers

voted to have 2 Surveyors of Lumber
By vote Chose Benja Walker & Jnº. Knox Surveyor of Lumber
By vote Chose Joseph Whipple Sealer of Leather
voted to have 2 fire wards By vote Chose David Stow & Thos. Axtell Jr. } fire wards

Then after paying several votes on the 4th article
voted to Reconsider all the votes pass'd on sd article
Then By vote adjourn'd this meeting to monday
the nineteenth day of this Instant march
at one of the Clock P.M to the meeting house
Nathl Sherman Mod

march 19th 1787 The Town met according
to adjournment and proceed as follows
art 3d proceeds to accept town Debts as follows (viz)
accepted of Thaddeus Heads account for
making rates Taking valuation &c £1-13-0
accepted Thomas Bidwells Bill for
taking valuation & making rates 1-19-0
Accepted Elijah Brucy Bill for taking
care of the meeting house & mending
the Pound 12-0
Accepted Simon Brues act for Conveying
Isaac Nichols to Natick with a warrant 0-18-0
Accepted Docr Joseph Grout's acct for
Doctoring George Geyer 3-7
Accepted Benja Walkers account for
taking a valuation & making rates
fourteen days 3/ pr day 2-2-0

6th To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton -
We the Subscribers for & in behalf of the Dist-
trict known by the name of Georges & Stowrs
Hill District for Schooling Request of s^d Town
to Ratify & Confirm the proceedings of s^d Dis-
trict by a Division line to make two Seperate
Districts (viz) Begining at a heap of Stone a few rods
Southeasterly of Mr. Wheelers pasture and thence
running South and west of Philip Bostons to north-
bridge line also north from said heap of Stone to
the Line of the District where Mr Samuel Flagg
Lives March 5th 1787 Perley Batchellor } in behalf
Daniel Hayden } of the said
District

The above Request Ratified and Confirmed by
the Town

4th Voted to have a Committee of three men to look into the
the Estate of all the rates in the Late Constables hands
from this time Down to the year 1780 and Report to
the towne who it appears ought to have their rates abated
in s^d Constables hands or What part and at what Dis-
count By vote Chose Ephraim Sherman
Benj^a Walker
& Timothy Sherman } for said Comm^te

5th Voted to Leave it with the Select-men to act this
Discression Respecting Renting or Disposing
of the use of the Deaf pew so called in the meet-
ing house

By vote Dismiss^d Moses Hayden from Serving Constable and Chose Samuel Adams to Serve Const^le in his room

By a vote accepted of Ezekiel Brigham Junr to
Serve Constable in the room of Eleazer Leland
Who was Chosen for the South part of the Town

By vote Dismiss^d Amos Davis from Serving Deythe-
man & Chose Capt Shelomith Rose to Serve in his room

Then By a vote adjourn^d to the first monday in april
next at 4 o Clock P.M. to the meeting house

Attest Sherman Wad^s

Worcester ss To Mr Simon Brune Constable for the Town of Grafton — Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the nineteenth day of this Instant march at 3 o Clock P M then & there to act as follows (viz)

1 To Chuse a moderator for s^d Meeting

2^d To See if the Town will Concur with the Churches vote Respecting Mr Grosvenors Dismission from his pastoral office in Grafton

3^d To See how the Town will order the Schooling the present year

4^th To See how much the Town will allow a Day for man and team for work at the Highways the present year or act Thereon as they Shall think prosper

5 To Grant money to Repair highways the Currant year

6 To See if the Town will Suffer the Swine to Run at Large the Currant year

7^th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and act thereon as they Shall think prosper

8^th For the Town to order how the Town meeting Shall be warned the Currant year

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this nineth day of march A D 1787

Benja Goddard
Eben^r Wadsworth } Selectmen
Nath^l Sherman
Joseph Wood } for Grafton

Return

Worcester ss 10 march 1787 In Obedience to this warrant I have notified all the free holders & other Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to meet at time & place that is mentiond in this warrant the Notification that I have made is by Setting up an attested Copy of this warrant at Both meetinghouses in Grafton

Simon Brune Constable of Grafton

March 19^th 1787 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows (viz)

1. By vote Chose Nath^l Sherman Moderator

2d article Dismiss'd By a vote
3d Voted to have a Committee of nine men to manage the School the present year
By vote Chose Zabdee Redding
Eph^m Lyon
Samuel Flagg
Elijah Drury
Tebulun Daniels
Phin^s Leland
Thadeus Read
John Thurston
& David Wadsworth
} School Committee

4th Voted to allow 3/ pr day for a man 1/6 pr day for oxen & 9^d pr day for Cart to work at high ways the Currant year from this time to the Last of September

5th By vote Granted £80 to Defray the charge of Repairing the highways the Current year

6th Voted to Suffer the Swine to run at Large the Current year

7th accepted the report of the Town Treasurer which is as follows viz^t

7th March 3d 1787 Then Reckond & Setled with the Treasurer and finds in the Treasury Exclusive of the note for the School land and the note for the Pews and the New Emition note & the old Emition paper money & the order on 1/4 2 tax now in the hands of the present & Back Constables & Treasurer to the amount of £345-14-0-3

Including Col^o Abd Manoah Drurys note
Errors Excepted Jos Merian Just^s Town Treasurer

Benj^a Walker
Thadeus Read
Nahum Stone
} Select men for Grafton

The above Report Read & accepted by the Town

8th Voted to have Select men order how the Town meetings Shall be warned the Currant year

Nath^l Sherman Moderator

The Town met pursuant to adjournment & adjourn'd to the 5th instant 2 of the Clock P M to the meeting house Nath^l Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Simon Brown Constable for Grafton Greet you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Volable inhabetants of Grafton to assemble at the Town meeting house on monday the 19th day of march inst at five of the Clock P M then & there to act as follows viz^t

1st To Chuse a moderator for Said meeting

2d For the Town to hear a Circular Letter read sent from the Town of Lunnenburg Requesting this Town to Send one or more members to Join the other Towns to Consult who to Chuse Senators the year Ensuing for this County or act thereon as they Shall think proper

The remainder of y annual meeting See page 168

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this fifteenth day of march 1787

Benja Goddard
Nath. Sherman
Ebenr Wadsworth
Joseph Wood
Selectmen for Grafton.

Worcester ss 19th march 1787 In obedience to this warrant I have notified all the free holders & other Inhabitants of Grafton qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to meet at time & place that is mentioned in this warrant by setting up an attested copy of this warrant at Both meeting houses in sd Grafton Simon Bruce Constable

March 19th 1787 The Town met pursuant to warning

1 By vote Capt Nath Sherman Moderator

2d Voted to Chuse two men to Send to worcester for the purpose mentiond in the Second article

By vote Chose Benja Walker & John Thurston for Said purpose

Nath. Sherman Modr

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the Towns meeting house in said Grafton on monday the Second day of april next at twelve at noon then & there to act as follows (viz)

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting

2d For the Town to Concur with the Churches vote Respecting Mr Grosvenors Discharge from his pastoral office or act thereon as they shall think prosper

3d To hear the Report of a Committee Chosen of Late to renew the notes Given for the Dews & act thereon as they Shall think prosper

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 22d day of March A 1787

Benja Goddard
Joseph Wood
Nath. Sherman
Ebenr Wadsworth
Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss april 2d 1787 pursuant to this warrant I have warned all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place as within mentioned as the Law Directs

Ezekiel Brigham Constable

April 2d 1787 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as fallows (viz)

1st By vote Chose Nath.l Sherman Moderator

2d Voted to haves a Committee of five men to agree with Mr. Grovenor respecting the Conditions of his Dismission

By vote Chose Jonathan Stow Aaron Kimball Simon Brown Timothy Sherman & Perley Batchellor for s.d Committe

Voted to Concur with Mr Grovenors proposals Sent into the Town Dated 2d april inst.o Except the second article respecting his being Excempted from paying taxes ~~or his~~ which may be assess.d on him for two years & then adjourn.d for 6 o'clock

On adjournment met &

Then the above Committe Reported Verbally in the Manner fallowing (viz) that Mr Grovenor Submits the matter respecting his Request in the second article to the Generosity of his people

The Vote was put whether the Town will ~~allow him~~ any thing to Mr Grovenor on Condition that he is Dismiss.d and it pass.d in the Negative

By vote adjourn.d to Thursday the fifth instant at one of the Clock P.M to the Meeting house

Nath.l Sherman Mod.r

April 5th 1787 The Town met according to adjournment & proceeded viz for the Remainer See Page 167

Worcester ss To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting — You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for Governors & Senators to meet at the Towns Meeting house in said Grafton on monday the second day of April next at two of the Clock P.M then and there to bring in their Votes for a Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators — ——

Here of fail not and make Return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of s.d meeting — Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 23d day of March A.D 1787

Nath.l Sherman
Joseph Wood — } Select men
Benja Goddard } for Grafton
Ebenezer Wadsworth

Worcester ss April 2 1787 pursuant to this warrant I have warned all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place as within mention.d as the Law Directs

Ezekiel Brigham jun.r } Constable

April 2d 1787 The Town of Gratton met pursuant to warning and Brought in their votes as follows viz

For his Excellency John Hancock Esq 112 } for a
For his Excellency James Bowdoin Esq - 1 } Governor

For the Honble Thomas Cushing Esq - 101 } for Lieut
For the Hon. Benjamin Lincoln Esq - 11 } Governor

For Senators as follows (viz)

For Jonathan Grout Esq at Petersham 112
For Mr Joseph Stone of Harvard ---- 96
For Hon. Jonathan Warner Esq Hardwick - 15
For Samuel Curtis Esq Worcester ---- 96
For Amos Singletary Esq Sutton ---- 97
For Docr Joseph Ward of Gratton ---- 93
For Joth Washburn Esq Leicester --- 16
For Rufus Putnam Esq of Rutland - 16
For Caleb Amidon Esq Charlton --- 15
For Capt Stephen Maynard Westborough - 2
For Mr James Bradish of Upton ---- 2
For Capt Zebedee Wedding of Gratton - 2
For Colo Moses Wheelock of Westborough 1
For Capt Abraham Batchellor of Upton - 1
For Capt Nathan Fisher Westborough 1

Senators

Attest Benja Goddard
Nath Sherman
Joseph Wood
Jona Wheeler
Ebenr Wadsworth
Selectmen

Benja Goddard Town Clerk

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3 By vote accepted the Report of the Committee Referred to in the Second article in the said Warrant for Renewing the notes Given for pews in the meetinghouse said Report is not Recorded on this Book but is Lodged in the Clerks office. The Sum total Due the Treasury Due by the Town for the pews is £ 333-3-8-1

By vote adjourn'd for two hours to the same place According to adjournment the town being met and proceeded viz Voted to add three to the Committee on the second article By vote Chose Joseph Wood Benja Walker & James Whipple

By vote ordered said Committee to provide for the Council on the 18th instant being the time appointed by the Council to meet to Consider and Result on Mr Grovenors request for a Dismission Nath Sherman Moderator

April 5th 1787 The Town met pursuant to adjournment
7th By a vote Established the Southeast Corner of the pound as it now Stands to be the Southeast Corner of the Common
By vote accepted the plann of the Town Common Drawn by the Committee mentioned in the Seventh artikle in the warrant
Voted that the Sd Committe raise Bounds at Each Corner of the Common agreable to Sd Plann and Lodge a Copy of the said plann in the Clerks office to be recorded on the Town Book
4th By vote abated Simon Waits Town & minister rates in Jno Whipples hands Late Constable
By vote ordered the Town Treasurer to procure publick Securities Enough to pay Simon Waits State rate at the Lowest Lay he Can in Sd Whipples hands

By vote abated John Daniels Town rate in Sd Whipples hands and by vote ordered that State rate in Sd Whipples hands be paid the same way that Sd Waits is Ordered to be paid
By vote abated the Town & minister rate of John Goulding Junr in Ebenr Cutlers hands
By vote ordered Sd Goulding's State rate to be paid in the same way & manner the others are to be paid
also John Drews State rate in the same manner as the others and abated Sd Drews Town & minister rate
and voted to Stay Ebenr Brooks's Rates at present all the Sd Goulding Drew & Brooks's rates being in Sd Cutlers hands
By vote ordered Dr Joseph Wood to Stay Nathl Gowings rates in his hands for the present
By vote adjournd for fifteen minutes to the Same place according to adjournment the Town met &
By vote abated Simon Waits Town & County rate in the hands of Ephr Lyon Late Constable
By vote abated John Daniels Town & County rate in the hands of Joseph Warrin Late Constable
By vote abated the Town & County rate of Mahw Hathorn in the hands of Joseph Warrin Late Constable
By vote abated Ireman Clarks Beast tax in the hands of Daniel Warrin Late Constable 17/5
Put to vote Whether the Town abate the rate of Francis White in the hands of Danl Warrin Late Constable past in the Negative
Voted to Stay Coles & John Carrels rates in the hands of Abner Flow Late Constable
Voted to Stay Benja Hills rate in John Whipples hands
By vote adjournd to the Second monday of may next at one of the Clock P.M. to the meting house
Nath. Sherman Modr

For the remainder See page 171

Worcester ss To Mr Samuel Adams Constable for the Town of Grafton — — Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Voteable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the Town
Ingroor

meeting house in said Grafton on wednesday the 18th day of april instant at two of the Clock P.M. then & there to act as fallows (viz)

1st To Chuse a moderator for said Meeting

2d For the Town to concur with what the Council & Church shall do relative to Mr Grovenors Dismission from his pastoral office in Grafton or act thereon as they shall think prosper

3d To Grant money to supply the pulpit

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meting

Given under our hands and seal at Grafton this Seventh day of april 1787

Nath[l] Sherman
Benja Goddard
Jon[a] Wheler
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss In pursuance of this warrant I have warned all the Notable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the time & place mentioned in this warrant the way that I warned was by setting up attested Copies of this warrant at both meeting houses

Samuel Adams Constable

April 8th 1787 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning proceeded as fallows (viz)

By vote Chose Nath[l] Sherman Moderator

By vote adjourn[d] for half an hour to this meeting house Nath[l] Sherman Mod[r]

According to adjournment the Town met

Voted to have a Committee of five men to see if Mr Grovenor will Relinquish his Salery or what part thereof from this time to the first day of Jan[y] next or hear what proposals he shall make

By a vote Chose Joseph Wood
Simon Brown
Joseph Morian
Jon[a] Stow
& Shelomith Stow
} for s[d] Committee

By a vote adjourn'd for fifteen minutes to this place according to adjournment Nath[l] Sherman Mod[r] put to vote whether the Town will Concur with the result of the Council ~~& Chuch~~ relative to Mr Grosvenors Dismission past in the Negative

Voted to have a Committee of five men to treat with Mr Grosvenor on account of his relinquishing his Salary or Supplying the pulpit from this time to the first day of January next

By vote Chose Nath[l] Sherman
Joseph Wood
Nath[l] Ward
Simon Brown
& Elijah Drury
} for said Committee

By vote adjourn'd this meeting to the second monday of may next at 3 o'clock P.M. to the meeting house Nath[l] Sherman Mod[r]

for the remainder see page 172

The persons who were Chosen into offis by the Town of Grafton at this annual meeting in march A.D. 1787 appeared and were Duly Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their respective offices (viz) Joseph Meriam jun[r] {Town Treasurer} David Wadsworth Joseph Wood & Ephraim Lyon (Assessors) Ezekiel Brigham jun[r] & Samuel Adams {Constables} Joseph Whipple {Tythingmen} Benja Walker Moses Harrington Daniel Rand Nahum Stone {Surveyors & Collectors of highway rates} Joseph Whipple {Sealer Leather} Elisha Brigham & Wardens Amos Davis Collector of the Ministerial Tax ~~for~~

Worcester ss march 28th 1787 then personally appeared Benja Goddard Esq[r] and made Solemn oath to the true & faithful Discharge of office of Town Clerk for the Town of Grafton for the Ensuing year in manner prescribed in Law Coram Joseph Wheeler Just Peace

True Copy attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The following persons ~~in this~~ being Chosen into town offices took & Subscribed the oath of allegiance as prescribed in the Constitution viz ~~Nath[l] Sherman~~ Nath[l] Sherman Joseph Wood Jon[a] Wheeler & Ebn[r] Wadsworth {Select men} Joseph Meriam jun[r] {Treasurer} ~~Joseph Wood~~ {~~Ephm Lyon~~ {Assessors} David Wadsworth Joseph Wood {Ephm Lyon {Assessors} Sam. Adams & Ezek[l] Brigham jun[r] {Constables & Collectors} Moses Harrington Collector of highways &c

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The forenamed persons took and Subscribed Said oath
Before me Benjamin Goddard Just Peace
Worcester ss march 29th 1787 Then personally appeared
Benja Goddard Esqr and took & Subscribed the oath
of allegiance in Capacity of Town Clerk & one of the Select-
men for the Town of Grafton for the Ensuing year
Coram Joseph Wheeler Just Peace
attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

may 14th 1787 The Town met according to adjournment
of the anual meeting & proceeded as fallows viz
By vote allowed Daniel Warrin late Constable 12/6
which he paid for Francis Whites rate in his hands —
By vote allowed the account of the Committee Chosen
to provide for the Council — £3-5-7
By vote allowed Joseph Merriam Junr Account
for keeping the Treasury year past — 1-10-0
Nathaniel Thurman Moderator

Worcester ss To Either of the Constables of the Town of
Grafton — Greeting —
You are hereby Required in the name of the Common
wealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants
of the Town of Grafton Qualified by the Constitution
to vote for a Representative to assemble at the Towns
meeting house in said Grafton on monday the four-
teenth day of may Instant at four of the Clock P.M.-
then & there to make Choice of some one Good and Law-
ful man to Represent the said Town in the General
Court on the Last ~~tuesday~~ wednesday in may instant
and so from time to time During their Session & Sessions
the Currant year
Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and
of your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before
the Hour of Meeting Given under our hands & Seals
at Grafton this fifth Day of may A.D. 1787
Benja Goddard
Joseph Wood
Jona Wheeler
Ebenr Wadsworth
Selectmen for Grafton

Grafton may 14 1787 pursuant to this
warrant I have warned all the voteable
Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place
as within mentioned Ezekiel Brigham Jr Constable

May 14th 1787 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning
and made Choice of Col. Luke Drury to Represent
the said Town in the General Court the Currant year
voted to have a Committee of five men to Draw up Instructions
for the Representative By Vote Chose Joseph Wood Jona Wheeler
Benja Walker Thomas Bicknell & Ebenr Wadsworth for Com-

By vote adjourn'd this meeting for one hour to the meeting house
according to adjournment the Town met & adjourn'd to monday the 21st inst at 5 o'Clock P.M. to the meetinghouse
attest — Benja Goddard Town Clerk

may 14th 1787 The Town met according to adjournment & put to vote whether the Town will accept the result or advice of the Council Relative to Mr Grosvenors Dismission and it pass'd in the affirmative

Voted to have a Committe of three men to treat with Mr Grosvenor Relative to the supply of the pulpit By a vote chose Deac. Joseph Batchellor Joseph Merriam junr & James Whipple a Committe for y purpose Then By a vote adjourn'd for Two hours Nath. Sherman Mod.
According to adjournment the Town met and adjourn'd to the Twenty first instant at 3 o'Clock P.M. to the meeting house
Nathl Sherman Moderator

may 21st 1787 The Town being met according to adjournment and proceeded as follows (viz)
By vote accepted Mr Grosvenors proposals in full Respecting the Supply of the pulpit and Settlement with him &c
Which proposals are as follows (viz)

In Consequence of & Concurrant with the advice of an ecclesiastical Council Given to the Pastor & people in Grafton on the 18th of april ult The pastor proposes to the Church and society that he will Relinquish his Salary from the time that the People shall be at the Expence of supplying the pulpit with a Preacher and after so many Sabbaths as they shall thus Supply the Pulpit untill the first of January next Should they fail of supplying the Pulpit the Salary for such time Shall be paid into the hands of the Pastor and Captain Nathl Sherman and Benja Goddard Esq by them to be Disposed off amongst those people in Grafton whom they shall judge most need assistance in Defraying the Charges of the present day day. This Relinquishment of Salery however is by the Pastor proposed on Condition that the People shall Consider and Treat him as under no obligations to Serve in the Labours of the Ministry During said Term That may be found Due when his Salary ceases Shall be Shall be Settled as was proposed in Case of an Immediate Dismission — and that he Shall at any time and without further ado — and that he shall at any time and without further a thing be Considered in all Respects released from his Pastoral Relation when ever he Shall to the Church and Society that it is his Choice — And should the Invitation of any one to Settle with the People as a Minister or any such Special Circumstances Render the Pastors Dismission Necessary before the Expiration of 30 Days he shall be Considered as Dismissed from his Pastoral Relation

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to them whenever they shall (viz) the Ch & Society make known their desire of it to him in writing &c

Grafton may 21st 1787

3d By a vote granted £46 to supply the Pulpit Sign'd Daniel Grosvenor Pastor
Nath'l Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton — Greeting

In the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts you are required to warn all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the Town meeting house in sd Grafton on monday the 21st day of may instant at six o'clock P M then & there to act as follows (viz)

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2d for the Town to Chuse a Committee to provide Preaching or act thereon as they shall think prosper

3d For the Town to order what shall be done with the Town Stock of Ammunition or act thereon as they may think prosper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting — Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Seventeenth day of may A D 1787

Joseph Wood
Benja Goddard
Jon'a Wheler
Nath'l Sherman
Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss in pursuant to this warrant I have warned all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the time & place mentioned in this warrant the way that I warned was by setting up a Copy of this warrant at both meeting houses

Grafton may 21 1787 Samuel Adams Constable

May 21st 1787 at six o'clock P M The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz —

1 By vote chose Nath'l Sherman Moderator for sd meeting

2d voted to have a Committee of three men to provide preaching By vote chose Joseph Brown Timothy Sherman & Jos Merriam for sd Com't Then by vote added Benja Walker and Wm Brigham to sd Committee

3d By vote ordered the Town Stock of ammunition to be put in the upper Loft in the meting house

Nath'l Sherman Mod'r

Worcester ss To Mr Samuel Adams Constable for Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Common Wealth
of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants and Freeholders
of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote for a Representative to assemble at the Towns meeting house in s.d Grafton
on Saturday the 26th day of may instant at one of the Clock
P.M. then & there to act as follows ——
1st To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2d For the Town to Give their Representative (Chosen for the year Ensuing) Instructions or act thereon as they Shall think Proper
3d To See if the Town will abate the rates assessed on Jos.d Taft in the hands of Simon Brown Late Constable or act thereon as they Shall think proper
4th For the Town to order the new Emition money now in the Treasury to be Sold or act thereon as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to s.d time one of us at or before the hour of meting —— Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Seventeenth day of may A.D 1787

Joseph Wood
Benja Goddard
Thos Wadsworth
Nath.l Sherman
} Select men for Grafton.

The following is the return

viz Worcester ss Inpursuance to this warrant I have warned and notified all the voting Reguind of me to warn on the North side of Grafton to meet & assemble at the time & place mentioned in this warrant.

Grafton may 26th 1787 Sam.l Adams } Constable

A warrant of the Same tenor for the same purpose at the same time & place was committed to Ezekiel Brigham Jun.r the other Constable for s.d Town to warn the south side of the Town — and his return is as follows —

(viz) Grafton may 26th 1787 pursuant to this warrant I have warned all the votable Inhabitants on the south side of Grafton to meet at time & place as within mentioned as the Law Directs Ezekiel Brigham Jun.r } Constable

May 26th 1787 The Town met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz

1st By vote Chose Nath.l Sherman Moderator
2d Put to vote whether the Town will Instruct their Representative and it Pass.d in the affirmative
voted to have a Committee of five men to Draw Instructions for their Representative — Then voted that said Committee Shall Stand During the present year ——
Then voted that all the Instructions s.d Committee shall Draw up from time to time Shall be Laid before the Town for their acceptance

Turn over

By vote Chose Joseph Wood
Thomas Bidnell
Benja Bather
Eben.r Wadsworth
& Eph.m Lyon
for a Committee

Then by a vote adjourn.d this meeting for half an hour to the meeting house Nath.l Sherman Moderator according to adjournment the town met and ~~[illegible]~~ accepted the Instructions Drawed by the Committee which are as follows (viz.)—

To Col.o Luke Drury Representative for the Town of Grafton &c. Although your Constituants Repose the fullest Confidence in your Integrity and abilities yet it may not be amiss on some momentous occasions that they Express to you their Sentiments and we do hereby Instruct you that you use the utmost of your Endeavours that the following articles be Enacted ——

1 That there is a General Pardon Granted to all that aided or assisted or have taken up arms in what the Governor & General Court Stiled rebellion in this Commonwealth and that all Disqualifications that is on that account be taken off and all Damages by unjust Imprisonments and warrants be made Good

2d That the Government troops be Immediately Recalled that are now in the field which were raised for four months with this notice Given that the Severity of the Law shall be Executed to any who shall murder any person or burn or Destroy any property

3d That the General Court be Removed out of Boston to some Convenient place in the Country ——

4 That all Licences be Granted by the Select men of the Several Towns ——

5 That all Estates of Deceas.d Persons be Settled by the Select men of the Several Towns ——

6 That the Records of Deeds be Done in the Towns where the Land Sold lieth ——

7th That the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace be abolished ——

8th That all manufacturies in this Country be Encouraged

9th That the Excise be Collected by the Constables or Collectors of the Several Towns ——

10th That the act Suspending the writ of Habeas Corpus be Immediately Repealed

11th That any Person Entering a Complaint against another and Cannot Support Shall be liable to make Good all Damages

12th That Duty on writs and Executions be taken off as it Comes out of the Debtor Which think is Unreasonable

13th That the Land and Poll Tax be Eased and the tax Laid upon Superfluities

Grafton may 26th 1787

Joseph Wood
Thomas Bicknell
Benja Walker
Ebenezer Wadsworth
Eph'm Lyon
} Committee

The foregoing articles were accepted by the Town
Nath'l Sherman Moderator

We the Subscribers inhabitants of Grafton fealowes found in Duty to protest against Some articles of Instruction voted by this Town to Col. Luke Drury our Representative on the 26th of may 1787 for the following Reasons The first article of instructions we Conceive not only Contrary to the 30th article of the Bill of Rights and the 8th article in the 2d Chapter of the frame of Government but too much a Justification of the Insurgents and a Disapprobation of the measures of Government although we wish for an Exemption of money as far as the Honour of Government will Possibly admit

The Instructions in the second article the immediate Recall of Government troops without any proviso as to the propriety of it appears to us a Reflection on Government. And the notification that the Severity of the Law Shall be Executed on any who Shall murder burn or Destroy any Prosperty When all those who have been in opposition to Government are to be pardoned is in our view a very Grose partiality

Article 11th Because in our View Such an act will be more Dangerous to the publick Safety than Injurious to Individuals

Joseph Meriam
John Goulding
Silas Warrin
Thulomith Stow
Joseph Meriam Junr
first & second art only
James Whipple
Joseph Warrin
Lebbee Redding
Simon Bridge
Andrew Adams
Solomon Stow

Perley Batchellor - Moses Hayden . Nath[l] Adams
Jonathan Peirce . Timothy Merian . Phinehas Leland
Nathaniel Ward

The Seventh article the Subscriber protests against because there was nothing Substituted in the room thereof Perley Batchellor

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Worcester ss To either of the Constables of Grafton - Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in sd Grafton on monday the 2d day of July next at two o'clock P.M then & there to act as follows viz 1st To Chuse a moderator for sd meeting
2d For the Town to hear the request of Henry Gale (now under the Sentence of Death at worcester Goal) praying for the Town Petitioning his Excellency the Governor &c for a pardon for his offence and act thereon as they shall think proper
3d To accept Town Debts
4th To hear the Request of Moses Adams for laying an open road through his Land where the Bridle way now goes or act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 26th of June 1787

Benj[a] Goddard
Joseph Wood
Ebenezer Hadsworth
Jon[a] Wheeler
} Select men for Grafton

The return as follows (viz)

Grafton July 2d 1787

pursuant to this warrant I have warned all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place as within mentioned as the Law Directs Ezekiel Brigham Const.

July 2d 1787 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows (viz)

1st By vote chose Nath[l] Sherman Moderator
2d pass[d] by for the present
4th pass[d] by for the present
3d voted to petition the Governor & Council for a pardon for Henry Gale agreable to sd Gales request

Voted to have a Committee of 3 men to Draw a petition for that purpose

By vote chose Joseph Wood, Nath[l] Sherman & Jon[a] Wheler } a Committee

Then by a vote adjourn'd for half an hour

Nath[l] Sherman Mod[r]

according to adjournment the Town met and proceeded (viz) By vote accepted a petition Drawn by s[d] Committee

4th Put to vote whether the Town will Shut up the Bridle way through Moses Adams's Land & post in the Ways

Nath[l] Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr. Samuel Adams Constable for Grafton Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in s[d] Grafton on friday the 28th day of Sept instant at Two of the Clock afternoon then and there to act as follows viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for s[d] meeting

2d To grant money to Defray Town Charges

3d To abate the rates assessed on Capt Thelomith Stow for Mahu Haywoms Pole in the hands of Simon Brown late Constable

4th To accept Town Debts

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant & of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting - Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 17th day of Sept A[o] 1787

Benj[a] Goddard } Select men
Joseph Wood
Ebenezer Wadsworth } for Grafton

Worcester ss pursuant to this warrant I have warned all the Notable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place as in Said Warrant Grafton Sept. 27th 1787 Sam[l] Adams Constable

September 28th 1787 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz

1st By vote Chose Ebenezer Wadsworth Moderator

2d By vote Granted £50 for Schooling } the present year
and £40 to pay Other town Charges }

4th accepted of Thomas Stebbins account for Boarding Hannah Phillips 29 weeks — £3-2-0

Accepted Capt Stile Stows acct for paying Mahu Haywoms rates — 0-16-0

Ebenr Wadsworth Moderator

of said Grafton and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of Ten pounds four Shillings to us in hand paid by Jonathan Wheler of the Town aforesaid Trader the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have sold and by these presents do sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said Jonathan Wheler his heirs & assigns forever a Certain pew in said Meetinghouse No 15 on the Lower floor to his and their only use Benefit and Behoof forever In Testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Charactor of a Committee for and in behalf of the Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands and Seals this 28th day of Novem. 1785

In presence of
Nath. Sherman
Joseph Warrin

Benja Walker — (L.S.)
Joseph Wood — (L.S.)
Luke Drury — (L.S.)
Zebedee Redding — (L.S.)
Moses Hayden — (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of worcester & Common Wealth of Massachusetts Gent a Committee appointed by Legal Voters of said Town of Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in the Meetinghouse of said Town and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of Six pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six pence to us in hand paid by Andrew Adams of the Town aforesaid Husbandman The Receipt whereof we do acknowledge have sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Andrew Adams his heirs and assigns forever a Certain Pew in said meetinghouse No 4 in the Galery to his and their only use benefit & Behoof forever In Testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for & in behalf of the Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands & Seals this 28 Nov. A D 1785

In presence of
Timothy Johnson
Amos Davis

Benja Walker — (L.S.)
Joseph Wood — (L.S.)
Luke Drury — (L.S.)
Zebedee Redding — (L.S.)
Moses Hayden — (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that I Jonathan Wheler of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Common wealth of Massachusetts Gentleman for and in consideration of the sum of ten pounds to me in hand well & truly paid by John Thurston of the Town & County aforesaid Yeoman the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have sold and by these presents Do Sell convey and Confirm unto him the said John Thurston his heirs & assigns forever a Certain Pew in the meeting house of the Town & County aforesaid No 15 on the Lower floor to his & their only use benefit and Behoof forever. In testimony whereof I the abovenamed Jonathan Wheler for my self my heirs Exrs Admrs do Covenant & Engage the above Demised premises to him the said John Thurston his heirs & assigns against the Lawful Claims or Demands of any person or persons whatsoever forever hereafter to warrant secure and Defend by these presents. In witness whereof I have this fifth day of april one thousand seven hundred & Eighty seven hereunto set my hand and seal

Jona Wheler — (L.S.)

In presence of
Timothy Fisher
Francis Drake

Worcester ss April 5th 1787 the forenamed Jonathan Wheler acknowledged this Instrument to be his free act & Deed Coram Benja Goddard Just Pacis

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Know all men by these presents that whereas I Joseph Axtell Junr of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Common wealth of Massachusetts Labourer Do for and in Consideration of the sum of Two pounds & six pence to me in hand paid by James Whipple of Sd Town Labourer The Receipt whereof I do acknowledge have sold & by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said James Whipple Junr his heirs & assigns forever one third part of a certain Pew in the meetinghouse of said Grafton No 18 in the Gallery to his & their only use Benefit and Behoof forever In testimony whereof I the above named Joseph Axtell Junr aforesaid Labourer hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of march one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven

In presence of
Samuel Wood
Lewis Walker

Joseph Axtell Junr (L.S.)

Worcester ss April 15th 1787 the forenamed Joseph Axtell Junr acknowledged this Instrument to be his free act & Deed Before me Benja Goddard Just Peace

Know all men by these presents that Whereas we Benja Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding and Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Common wealth of Massachusetts Gentlemen are appointed by Legal Votes of said Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in the meeting house of said Grafton and being Duly ~~authorized~~ appointed for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of nine pounds one Shilling & six pence to us in hand well and truly paid by Thomas Davidson of the Town aforesaid Gent. The receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said Thomas Davidson his heirs and assigns forever a certain Pew in said Meeting house No 18 in the Galery to his and their only use Benefit and Behoof forever In testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for and in behalf of s^d Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands and Seals this 28^th^ day of Nov^r 1785

In presence of
Timothy Johnson
Amos Davis

Benja Walker — (L.S.)
Joseph Wood — (L.S.)
Luke Drury — (L.S.)
Zebedee Redding — (L.S.)
Moses Hayden — (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Common wealth of Massachusetts Gentlemen being appointed by Legal Votes of said Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in the meeting of said Grafton and Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and In Consideration of the Sum of Six pounds to us in hand paid by William Wood of the Town & County aforesaid Husbandman the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said William Wood his heirs and assigns forever a Certain pew in s^d meeting house No 17 in the Galery to his and their only use Benefit and Behoof forever. In testimony Whereof we the above named Committee have in the Charactor of a Committee for and in Behalf of s^d Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands & Seals this 28^th^ Day of Nov^r. 1785

In presence of
Timothy Johnson
Amos Davis

Benja Walker — (L.S.)
Joseph Wood — (L.S.)
Luke Drury — (L.S.)
Zebedee Redding — (L.S.)
Moses Hayden — (L.S.)

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Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Common wealth of Mashachusetts Gent are appointed by Legal Votes of Sd Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in the Meeting house of Sd Town and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid For and Consideration of the Sum of Nineteen pounds four Shillings to us in hand paid by Joseph Meriam Junr the Receipt Whereof we acknowledge & by these presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the Sd Joseph Meriam his heirs & assigns forever a Certain Pew in Sd meetinghouse No 38 on the Lower floor to his and their only use Benefit and behoof forever. In Testimony Whereof we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for and in Behalf of Sd Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands and Seals this 28th day of November 1785

In presence of
Nathl Sherman
Joseph Warren

Benja Walker — (Ls)
Joseph Wood — (Ls)
Luke Drury — (Ls)
Zebedee Redding — (Ls)
Moses Hayden — (Ls)

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Common wealth of Mashachusetts Gent are appointed by Legal Votes of Sd Grafton a Committee for the Sale & Conveyance of the Pews in the meting house of Sd Town being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesd for and in Consideration of the sum of Eight pounds & Eight Shillings to us in hand paid by Joshua Leland of the Town aforesd Yeoman the Rect Whereof we acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the Said Joshua Leland his heirs & assigns forever a Certain Pew in Sd Meting house No 7 in the Galery to his and their only use Benefit and Behoof for ever In Testimony Whereof we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for and in behalf of Sd Town hereunto Set our hands & Seals this 28th Day of Novr 1785.

In presence of
Timothy Johnson
Amor Davis

Benja Walker — (Ls)
Joseph Wood — (Ls)
Luke Drury — (Ls)
Zebedee Redding — (Ls)
Moses Hayden — (Ls)

Know all men by these presents that ~~whereas~~ I Joshua Leland of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman for and in Consideration of the Sum of one pound thirteen Shillings and Seven pence to me in hand paid by John Warrin of the Town & County aforesd Yeoman The Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the Sd John his heirs and assigns forever the full fifth part of a certain pew in the meeting house in Grafton No 7 in the Galery to his & their only use Benefit and behoof forever.

In testimony whereof I the above named Joshua hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 28th day of November in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Eighty five In presence of

Daniel Grosvenor
Joshua Leland

Joshua Leland (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that I Joshua Leland of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman for & in Consideration of one pound fourteen Shillings to me in hand paid by Jonas Brown Junr. of the Town & County aforesaid Yeoman the Receipt whereof I do acknowledge have Sold & by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the Sd Jonas Brown Junr his heirs & assigns forever one fifth part of a certain Pew in the meeting house in Sd Grafton No 7 in the Galery to his & their only use Benefit and behoof forever. In testimony whereof I the said Joshua Leland have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 2d day of April one Thousand Seven hundred and eighty seven

Joshua Leland (L.S.)

In presence of
Gardner Wheeler
Daniel Whitney Jr.

Know all men by these presents that I Timothy Meriam of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Husbandman, hath for & in Consideration of the Sum of four pounds ten shillings to me in hand paid by Andrew Adams of the Town aforesd Husbandman the Receipt whereof I do acknowledge have Sold & by these do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the Sd Andrew Adams his heirs & assigns forever the one half of a certain pew in the meeting house in Sd Grafton No 4 on the Lower floor to his & their only use benefit & behoof forever.—In testimony whereof I the above named Timothy Meriam hath hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 8th day of February 1787

Timothy Meriam (L.S.)

In presence of
Joseph Meriam
Hannah Meriam her mark

Worcester April 7th 1788 Then the above named Timo Meriam acknowledged this Instrument by him Subscribed to be his free act & Deed

Before me Benja Goddard Just Peace

Know all men by these presents that I William Wood of Hopkinton in the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman for & in Consideration of the Sum of Six pounds lawe in hand paid by Aaron Kimball Junr. of Grafton in the County of worcester & Commonwealth aforesaid Blacksmith the Rect whereof I do acknowledge have Sold & by these presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said Aaron Kimball Junr his heirs & assigns forever a Certain Pew in ~~the~~ Grafton meeting house No 17 in the Galery to and their only use Benefit and Behoof forever In testimony whereof I the above named William Wood have hereunto set my hand and Seal at Grafton this 16th day of June 1788

In presence of
Hulbah Goddard
Benja Goddard

William Wood (D)

Worcester ss June 16 1788 Then the fornamed William Wood personally appeared and acknowledged this Instrument by him Subscribed to be his free act & Deed Before me Benja Goddard Justice Peace

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benja Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding and Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent are appointed by Legal votes of said Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in the meeting house in said Town and being duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of Eighteen pounds Eighteen shillings to us in hands paid by Jonathan Stow of the Town aforesaid Gent the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Jona Stow his heirs & assigns forever a Certain Pew in the meeting house No 24 on the Lower floor to his and their only use Benefit & Behoof forever In testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee and in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands & Seals this 28th day of Nov. 1785

In presence of
Jim.s Sherman
Rhinehart Leland

Benja Walker (D)
Joseph Wood (D)
Luke Drury (D)
Zebedee Redding (D)
Moses Hayden (D)

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gentlemen are appointed by Legal vote of said Town of Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the pews in the meetinghouse of said Town and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of fifteen pounds three shillings to us in hand paid by James Whipple of the Town aforesd Gent the Rect. whereof we do hereby acknowledge Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said James Whipple his heirs and assigns forever a certain Pew in said meeting house No 8 on the Lower floor to his and their only use Benefit and behoof forever In Testimony whereof we the abovenamed Committee have in the Character of a Committee for & in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto Set our hands and Seals this 28th day of Novr 1785

In presence of
Nath. Sherman
Joseph Warrin

Benja Walker (Ls)
Joseph Wood (Ls)
Luke Drury (Ls)
Zebedee Redding (Ls)
Moses Hayden (Ls)

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding and Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gentlemen are appointed by Legal vote of said Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in the meetinghouse of said and being duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for & in Consideration of the Sum of fifteen pounds ten shillings and Six pence to us in hand paid by Amor Whitney of the Town aforesaid Trader the Rect. whereof we do hereby acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Amor Whitney his heirs and assigns forever a certain Pew in P Meetinghouse No 27 on the Lower floor to his and their only use Benefit & Behoof forever In Testimony whereof we the abovenamed Committee have in the Character of a Committee for & in Behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto Set our hands & Seals this 28th day of Novr AD 1785

in presence of
Jadock Hutchins
Daniel Warrin

Benja Walker (Ls)
Joseph Wood (Ls)
Luke Drury (Ls)
Zebedee Redding (Ls)
Moses Hayden (Ls)

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benja Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of worcester & Common wealth of Massachusetts Gent are appointed by Legal votes of said Grafton a Committe for the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in the meetinghouse of said Town and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of thirteen pounds sixteen Shillings to us in hand paid by Moses Harrington of the Town aforesaid Tanner the Receipt where of we here by acknowledge have sold and by these presents do sell Convey & confirm unto him the said Moses Harrington his heirs and assigns forever a certain Pew in said meetinghouse No 23 on the Lower floor to his and their only use Benefit and behoof forever In Testimony we the above named Committe have in the Character of a Committe for and in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto Set our hands & Seals this 28th day of November A.D. 1785

In presence of
Nath.l Sherman
Joseph Warren

Benja Walker — (L.S.)
Joseph Wood — (L.S.)
Luke Drury — (L.S.)
Zebedee Redding — (L.S.)
Moses Hayden — (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of worcester and Common wealth of Massachusetts Gen.l are appointed by Legal votes of said Grafton a Committe for the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in D Meeting-house of said Town and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of ten pounds five Shillings & Six pence to us in hand paid by Amos Davis of the Town aforesaid Husbandman the Receipt where of we do here by acknowledge have sold and by these presents do sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Amos Davis his heirs and assigns forever a certain Pew in the meeting house No 9 in the Galery to his and their only use Benefit and behoof forever ——— In Testimony where of we the above named Committe have in the Character of a Committe for & in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto Set our hands & Seals this 28th day of Nov.r A.D. 1785

In presence of
Timothy Johnson
Hiram Clews

Benja Walker — (L.S.)
Joseph Wood — (L.S.)
Zebedee Redding — (L.S.)
Moses Hayden — (L.S.)
Luke Drury — (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that we Benja Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding and Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gentlemen are appointed by Legal vote of s^d Grafton a Committee for the Sale & Conveyance of all the Pews in the meeting-house in s^d Grafton and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for & in Consideration of the Sum of Six pounds one shilling & six pence to us in hand paid by Timothy Johnson of the Town & County aforesaid Blacksmith the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have Sold & by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Timothy Johnson his heirs & assigns forever a certain Pew in said meeting house No 15 in the Gallery to his & their only use Benefit & Behoof forever In Testimony whereof we the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for & in behalf of s^d Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands and Seals this 28th Day of November 1785

In presence of
Asa Davis
Hiram Carr

Benja Walker (L.S.)
Joseph Wood (L.S.)
Zebedee Redding (L.S.)
Moses Hayden (L.S.)
Luke Drury (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that we Benja Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding and Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gen^t are appointed by a legal vote of said Grafton a Committee for the Sale & Conveyance of all the pews in the meeting house of said Town and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for & in Consideration of the Sum of Eleven pounds fourteen shillings to us in hand paid by Darby Batchelor of the Town aforesaid Husbandman the Receipt we do hereby acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Darby Batchelor his heirs & assigns forever a certain Pew in the said meeting house No 30 on the Lower floor to his & their only use Benefit & Behoof forever

In testimony whereof the above named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for & in behalf of s^d Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands & Seals this 28th day of Nov^r 1785

In presence of
Shinehay Leland
Eleazer Leland

Benja Walker (L.S.)
Joseph Wood (L.S.)
Luke Drury (L.S.)
Zebedee Redding (L.S.)
Moses Hayden (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that I Joshua Leland of Chester in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont yeoman do for & in Consideration of the sum of one pound ten Shillings to me in hand paid by Ephraim Sherman Jr of Grafton in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts yeoman the rec. whereof I do acknowledge have sold and by these presents do sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Ephraim Sherman his heirs and assigns forever one fifth part of a certain pew in the meeting house of said Grafton No 7 in the Gallery to his & their only use Benefit & behoof forever In testimony whereof I the above named Joshua Leland yeoman hereunto set my hand & seal this ninth day of February 1790

In presence of
Caleb Leland
Alexander Miller

Joshua Leland (S)

Worcester ss February 10th 1790 Then personally appeared the within named Joshua Leland and acknowledged this Instrument to be his free act & Deed

Before me Benja Goddard Justice

Know all people by these presents that whereas I Joshua Leland of Chester in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont yeoman do for and in Consideration of the sum of one pound four shillings to me in hand paid by Jonathan Wadsworth in Grafton in the County of Worcester and Common wealth of Massachusetts the rec. whereof I do acknowledge have sold and by these presents do sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Jonathan Wadsworth his heirs and assigns forever one fifth part of a certain pew in the meeting house in said Grafton No 7 in the Gallery to his & their sole use Benefit & behoof forever In testimony whereof I the above named Joshua Leland have hereunto set my hand and seal this Nineth day of February 1790

In presence of
Caleb Leland
Alexander Miller

Joshua Leland (S)

Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Common wealth of Massachusetts Genl are appointed by Legal vote of said Grafton a Committee for the Sale & conveyance of all the pews in the meeting house in said Town and being Duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of Thirteen pounds one Shilling to us in hand paid by Nathaniel Sherman

of the Town aforesaid Gent the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said Nathaniel Sherman his heirs and assigns forever a certain pew in the said meetinghouse No 32 on the Lower floor to his & their only use Benefit and Behoof forever In Testimony whereof we the above-named Committee have in the Character of a Committee for and in behalf of s^d Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands & Seals this 28th day of November 1785

In presence of
Joseph Warrin
Joseph Grout

Benja Walker (L.S.)
Joseph Wood (L.S.)
Luke Drury (L.S.)
Zebedee Kidding (L.S.)
Moses Hayden (L.S.)

Know all men by these presents that whereas I James Whipple jun^r of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Common wealth of Massachusetts Labourer do for and in Consideration of the sum of one pound ten shillings to me in hand paid by Aaron Stow of s^d Town Labourer the Receipt whereof I do acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Aaron Stow his heirs & assigns forever one third part of a certain pew in the meeting house of said Grafton No 13 in the Galery to him & their only use & Benefit & Behoof forever In Testimony whereof I the above named James Whipple jun^r aforesaid Laborer hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Seventeenth of June 1790

In presence of
Benja Goddard
Samuel Warren

James Whipple Jun^r (L.S.)

Worcester ss June 17 1790 Then personally appeared the within named James Whipple jun^r and acknowledged this Instrument by him Subscribed to be his free act & Deed

Before me Benja Goddard Justice of the Peace

Know all men by these presents that I Ephraim Sherman jun^r of Grafton in the State of Massachusetts Commonwealth do for & in Consideration of the sum of one pound four Shillings to me in hand paid by Joseph Whitney of Grafton in the County of Worcester & State of Massachusetts yeoman the Receipt whereof I do acknowledge have Sold and by these presents do Sell & Convey & Confirm unto him the s^d Joseph Whitney his heirs & assigns forever one fifth part of a certain pew in the meeting house in s^d Grafton No 7 in the Galery to his & their only use Benefit & behoof forever In testimony whereof I the above named Ephraim Sherman aforesaid yeoman hereunto Set my hand and Seal this first day of march one thousand Seven hundred & ninety

In presence of
Nath^l Batchelder

Ephraim Sherman jun^r (L.S.)

Worcester ss March 1 1790 Then personally appeared the within named Ephraim Sherman jun^r & acknowledged this Instrument by him Subscribed to be his free act & Deed — Before me Benja Goddard Justice of the Peace

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benjamine Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury and Zebedee Redding all of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Common Wealth of Massachusetts Gent are appointed by Legal Vote of s[d] Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the pews in the meetinghouse of said Town and being duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of Eighteen pounds Eighteen shillings to us in hand paid by William Brigham yeoman of the Town and County aforesaid the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have sold and do sell convey & confirm unto him the said William Brigham his heirs & assigns forever a certain Pew in s[d] meetinghouse No 19 on the Lower floor to his & their only use Benefit & Behoof forever — In Testimony whereof we the abovenamed Committee in the Character of a Committee for & in Behalf of s[d] Town of Grafton hereunto set our hands and Seals this 28 day of November 1785

In presence of
Nath[l] Sherman
Joseph Warren

Benj[a] Walker — (L.S.)
Joseph Wood — (L.S.)
Luke Drury — (L.S.)
Zebedee Redding — (L.S.)

Know all Men by these Presents that I Jonas Brown[s] of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Common wealth of Massachusetts Cooper for and in Consideration of the Sum of One Hundred Shillings to me in Hand paid by Jonathan Hayward Joseph Chapin and Samuel Harden Yeoman both of the Town and County aforesaid the Receipt whereof I do acknowledge have sold and by these Presents do sell Convey and Confirm unto them the said Jonathan Hayward and Samuel Harden their Heirs and Assigns for Ever one fifth Part of a Pew in the Meeting House in said Grafton No[o] 5 in the Gallery to them and their only use benefit and behoof forever — In testimony whereof I the said Jonas Brown[s] have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 2[d] Day of Feb[y] One thousand seven hundred and Ninety one

In Presence of
Joseph Forbes
Thos Forbes
Worcester ss Feb[y] 22 1791
Personally appeared Jonas Brown[s] and acknowledged the above written instrument to be his free act and deed
before me Thomas Lee Justice Peace

Know all men by these Presents that whereas I Caleb Leland of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman do for and in Consideration of the sum of Two Pounds five Shillings to me in hand paid by John Bennett of the Town aforesaid Potter the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have Sold and by these Presents do Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said John Bennett his heirs and Assigns for Ever one fourth Part of a Pew in the Meeting House of Said Grafton N.D. in the Galery to him and their only Use Benefit and Behoof forever

In Testimony whereof I the above named Caleb Leland aforesaid Yeoman hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 29th Day of March 1791

In Presence of
Simon Bruce
Seth Ins Dexter

Caleb Leland (L.S.)
Laban Leland (L.S.)

Worcester ss April 6th 1791

Then Personally Appeared the within named Caleb Leland and Acknowledged this Instrument by him Subscribed to be his free Act and Deed

Before me Benj.a Goddard Just. Peace

Know all men by these Presents that whereas I Jonathan Whipple of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Labourer Do for and in Consideration of the Sum of Two Pounds five Shillings to me in hand Paid by John Bennett of the Town aforesaid Potter The Receipt whereof I Do hereby Acknowledge have Sold, and by these Presents Do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the Said John Bennett his Heirs & Assigns forever one fourth Part of a Certain Pew in the Meeting House of Said Grafton N.D. in the Galery to him and their only use Benefit & Behoof forever

In testimony whereof I the above named Jonathan Whipple aforesaid Labourer hereunto Set my Hand & Seal This twenty Second Day of February one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety two

In Presence of
Moses Dorr
John Whipple Jr
Worcester ss

Jonathan Whipple (L.S.)

February 27th 1792

Personally Appeared the within named Jonathan Whipple & Acknowledged this Instrument by him Subscribed to be his free Act & Deed before me Benj.a Goddard Justice Peace

Know all men by these Presents that whereas we Joseph Wood, Luke Dewey, Thebedee Bedding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent — are appointed by Legal voters of said Grafton a Committee for the Sale and Conveyance of all the Pews in the Meeting House of Said Town and being Duly Authorized for said purpose aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of thirteen Pounds ten Shillings to us in hand paid by Benj.a Walker of the Town aforesaid Gent — the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have Sold & by these Presents Do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Benj.a Walker his Heirs & Assigns forever a Certain Pew in said Meeting house No 5 on the lower floor to his and their Only Use Benefit & behoof forever —

In Testimony whereof we the above Named Committee in the Character of a Committee for and in behalf of said Town of Grafton hereunto Set our hands and Seals this 28th Day of Nov.r 1785

In Presence of
Nathl Thurston
Jos Warren

Joseph Wood
Luke Dewey
Thebedee Bedding
Moses Hayden

Know all Men by these Presents that I Benj.a Walker of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent for and in Consideration of the Sum of Fourteen Pounds Six Shillings to me in hand well and truly Paid by Joseph Wood Jr of the Town and County aforesaid Trader the Receipt whereof I do hereby Acknowledge have Sold and by these Presents Do Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the S.d Joseph Wood Jr and to his Heirs & Assigns forever a Certain Pew in the Meeting House in Grafton No 5 on the lower floor — In Testimony whereof I the above Named Benj.a Walker do promise to warrant Secure and Defend In Testimony whereof I hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 28th Day of Nov.r 1792 —

In Presence of
Reuben Cumming
Nancy Walker

Benj.a Walker
Margrett Walker

Worcester ss Grafton Dec.r 25th 1792

Then Personally appeared the within named Benj.a Walker and Acknowledged the within Instrument by him Subscribed to be his free Act and Deed

Before me Joseph Wood Justice Peace

Know all men by these presents that whereas Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding and Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Common wealth of Massachusetts Gent. are appointed by Legal vote of sd Grafton a Committe for the Sale & Conveyance of all the pews in the meetinghouse of sd Town and being duly authorized for the purpose aforesd for & in Consideration of the sum of Twenty one pounds six shillings to us in hand paid by Joseph Warrin of the town aforesaid Gent the rect whereof we do hereby acknowledge have sold and do by these presents fully Convey & Confirm unto him the said Joseph Warrin his heirs and assigns forever a certain pew in sd meeting house No 24 on the Lower floor to his & their only use benefit & behoof forever - In Testimony whereof we the above named Committe have in the Character of a Committe for & in behalf of said town of Grafton hereunto set our hands & seals this 28th day of November 1785

In presence of
Timothy Johnson
Amos Davis

Benja Walker — (L)
Joseph Wood — (L)
Luke Drury — (L)
Zebedee Redding — (L)
Moses Hayden — (L)

Know all men by these presents that whereas we Benjamin Walker Joseph Wood Luke Drury Zebedee Redding & Moses Hayden all of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Common wealth of Massachusetts Gent. are appointed by Legal vote of said town a Committe for the Sale & Conveyance of all the pews in the meetinghouse of said town & being duly authorized for the purpose aforesd for & in Consideration of the sum of Seven pounds ten shillings to us in hand paid by Abner How of the town aforesaid Husbandman the rect whereof we do hereby acknowledge have sold and by these presents do fully Convey & Confirm unto him the said Abner How his heirs and assigns forever a certain pew in meetinghouse No 3 in the Galery to his & their only Benefit & Behoof forever In Testimony whereof we the above named Committe have in the Character of a Committe for & in behalf of the town of Grafton hereunto set our hands & seals this 28th day of November 1785

In presence of
Timothy Johnson
Amos Davis

Benja Walker — (L)
Joseph Wood — (L)
Luke Drury — (L)
Zebedee Redding — (L)
Moses Hayden — (L)

Know all men by these presents that I David W. Leland of
Grafton in the County of Worcester gentleman
for and in Consideration of twenty Dollars paid me in hand
by John Wadsworth of Grafton & County aforesaid yeoman
the Receipt whereof do hereby acknowledge have sold and
by these presents do sell and convey unto him the said
John Wadsworth his heirs and assigns forever the
one half of a certain Pew in said Meeting house
No. 6 in the Gallery to his & their use Benifet
& behoof Forever

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal this seventeenth Day of March A.D. 1797

David W Leland (L.S.)
Mary Leland (L.S.)

In presents of us
Benj.a Kingsbury
William Lamb

Worcester ss January 24th 1798
Then personally appeared the within named
David Warren Leland and acknowledged the
within instrument by him subscribed
to be his free act & Deed before me Joseph Wood Justice Peace

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Know all men by these Presents that I John
Wadsworth of Grafton in the County of Worcester &
Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman for & in
Consideration of the Sum of twenty Dollars paid me
by James Wadsworth of the same Grafton Yeoman
the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have sold
& by these presents do sell & convey into him the
said James Wadsworth his heirs & assigns forever the one
half of a certain pew in said ~~Grafton~~ meeting house
No. 6 in the Gallery to his & their use Benifet &
behoof forever
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& seal this twenty fifth day of march A.D. 1798

John Wadsworth (L.S.)
Joel Wadsworth (L.S.)

In presence of
Joseph Wood
William Wood
Edmund King

Worcester ss April 4th 1798
Then the within named John Wadsworth personally appeared
& acknowledged the within instrument by him subscribed
to be his free act & Deed before me

Joseph Wood Justice of Peace

To Benjamin Goddard Esq Town Clerk —

I hereby Desire you to Enter on the Town Records that there was found in the house of the Subscriber about ten Days past a certain Bank bill and you will oblige yours

Grafton February 24th 1794 Francis Barns

We the Subscribers fence viewers for Grafton
are upon being applied to by Daniel Hayden of
Grafton to Determine a Division of fence on the Line
between said Hayden & Timothy Fisher of Grafton have
this day attended said Business and have made a Division
as follows (viz) for said Fisher to begin at a heap of stones
then runing South 34 Dr West about seven rods to an Elm
tree from thence South three Degrees west 58 rods and half rod
to a Stake & Stones this being said Fishers part of fence to
make and maintain on D Line. said Haydens part of fence
to make & maintain on said line begins as followeth
Begining at the Last mentioned heap of Stones at D Fishers
the End of Fishers line from thence runing South three
Degrees West 33 and half rods thence west Twenty two
Degrees South six rods then runing South 34 d East
29 ½ rods to Land of Col. Fish

Grafton October 23d 1790 Wm Brigham
Jonathan Hayward

We the Subscribers parties Concerned do Consent to the
within (or above) Division

Grafton October 23d 1790 Timothy Fisher
Daniel Hayden

We Certify hereby whereon it may Concern that we
called upon by Daniel Hayden of Grafton to go upon the
Improvements of the said Daniel Hayden and upon
the Improvements of Timo Fisher of said Grafton
to make and Devise a Division of the Partition
fences between the aforesaid Improvements on
having attend said Fences have determined on
award that the said Division shall be as follows
(viz) Timothy Fisher Beginning at the Corner of
Samuel Flagg land & runs Southerly three rods
and a half then Daniel Hayden to have a Line of
Twenty two rods and a half Then said Fisher takes
Twenty five rods and three Quarters then said Hayden
to take Sixteen Rods and three Quarters to repair & support

Furthermore the Partition fence on the East
Line we Divide them as follows (viz) said Fisher to
to support Twenty six Rods and three Quarters at the
North End Beginning at Samuel Flagg land and
then ~~Division~~ the said Hayden to support twenty six
Rods and three Quarters at the South End of said
Division line — In witness where of we have hereunto
set our Hands this 7th Day of March A.D. 1791 —

Wm Brigham
Sam.l Sherman

Fence Viewers
Duly Chosen and
Sworn for the Town
of Grafton 1790

December 25th 1783. Elijah Brooks & Mary Hall Both of Grafton were joined in Marriage by Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

Jan'y 8th 1784 Robert Taft of Uptons & Rhoda Norwood of Grafton were joined in marriage by Mr Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

Feb'y 5th 1784 Ezekiel Bigelow & Patience Gowing both of Grafton were married by Mr Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

Feb'y 8th 1784 Nath'l Adams & Mary Harrington both of Grafton were married by Mr Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

Feb'y 26th 1784 Josiah Hathorn & Mary Thomas both of Grafton were join'd in marriage by Mr Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

April 18th 1784 Increase Stearns of Holden and Lucy Roberts of Grafton were married by Mr Dan Grosvenor Pa

July 1. 1784 Hugh Mc namara of Northbridge and Martha Sherman of Grafton were joined in marriage by Mr Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

May 8th 1786 George Smith & Polly Axtell Both of Grafton married by Mr Solomon Leland Just Peace

Dec'r 12 1783 Moses Marsh & Betty Lyon Both of Grafton were married by me Benja Goddard J Peace

August about the 22d 1784 John Knox & Lucy Axtell Both of Grafton were married by me Benja Goddard Just Peace

March 26th 1786 Benja Roberts & Ruth Bruce Both of Grafton were married by me Benja Goddard Just Peace

June 4th 1786 Samuel Adams & Elisabeth Temple Both of Grafton were join'd in marriage by me B Goddard J Peace

July 9th 1786 Boston Phillips and Sarah Bulmer Both of Grafton were married by B Goddard J Peace

Jan'y 8th 1787 Ezra Wheelock of Grafton Gore and Waitte Putnam of Grafton were married Benja Goddard Just Peace

~~Feb'y 14 1782 William Cloud &~~

July 16 1783 Silas Wheelock & Anna Whitney both of Shrewsbury were married B. Goddard Just Peace

Daniel Hemenway & Abigail Wheelock Both of Shrewsbury were married Nov'r 4 1783 by me Benj'a Goddard J Peace

Phinehas Chamberlain & Huldah Cooper both of Northbridge married Nov'r 27. 1783 Benja Goddard Just Peace

Amariah Chase and Elisabeth Chase Both of Sutton were married Nov'r 28 1784 B Goddard J Peace

Joseph Wheelock & Sally Slater both of Worcester were married the 9th march 1786 Benja Goddard Just Peace

October 4th 1786 James Hills jun.r and Rebekah Eliot both of Sutton were married Pr me Benja Goddard Just Peace

The following is agreable to the return made by Rev.d Daniel Grosvenor of marriages (viz)

Daniel Rice of Sutton & Anna Holbrook of Grafton married august 24 1784

William Moore & Eunice Bruce Both of worcester married Nov.r 16 1784

Moses Adams & Elizabeth Whipple Both of Grafton were married March 29th 1786

James H. Miller & Lucy Pratt both of Grafton were married may 14 1786

John Pratt & anna Wheler Both of Grafton were married June 27th 1786

Daniel Warrin of Upton & Sarah Batchellor of Grafton married august 8th 1786

Joshua Leland & Thankful Sherman both of Grafton marrid august 15th 1786

William Hood & Phebe Golding both of Grafton Married Nov.r 16th 1786

Simon Bruce & Sarah Whipple Both of Grafton were married Jan.y 14th 1787

Josiah Holbrook of Sutton & Anna Sherman of Grafton married Jan.y 18th 1787 Pr Daniel Grosvenor Pastor

All the foregoing marriages were Returned to the Clerks of the Sessions in the year 1787 attest B Goddard Clerk

June 7th 1787 Jacob Miller of West.r & Phebe Grover of Grafton were married attest B Goddard Just Peace

Oct.r 31 1787 Robertus Flagg & Anna Batchellor Jr.r were married Pr me Benja Goddard Just Peace

Nov.r 14th 1787 Isaac Johns & Hatheah Samson both of Grafton were married Pr B Goddard Just Peace

Nov.r 29th 1787 Timothy Thurston & Peggy Hill both of Grafton were married Pr me B Goddard Just Peace

March 27th 1788 Ebenezer Cutler jun.r of Grafton & Elizabeth Brown of Brookline were married Pr me B Goddard Just Peace

April 16th 1788 Daniel Greenwood Junr. and
Lucy Chapin Both of Sutton were married
Pr ~~Joseph Sumner Esqr~~
Pr B Goddard Jus Peace

April 16 1788 Gardner Wheler & Elisabeth
Drury Both of Grafton were married
By Joseph Sumner V D M Shrewsbury

May 1. 1788 Jonathan Warrin & Sarah Prentice
Both of Grafton were married
by Benja Goddard Jus Peace

August 21st 1788 Charles Hay and Deborah Lyon Both
of Grafton were married By Benja Goddard Just Peace

Sept. 4th 1788 Joel Hay and Anna Harrington
Junr. both of Grafton were joind in Marriage
Pr Benja Goddard Just Peace

Sept 28th 1788 Samuel Wood & Elisabeth Kimball
Both of Grafton were married Pr me
Benja Goddard J Peace

April 8th 1789 Simeon Keith & Olive Pond Both
of Grafton were joined in marriage
Pr me Benja Goddard Jus Peace

Junr 29 1789 Jacob Hemmingway of Bridport in the District of
Vermont & Sarah Sadler of Grafton were married
Mr Caleb Leland & Lakin Willard both of Grafton were
married on the 8th of april 1789
Joseph Sumner Elder of the Church Shrewsbury

may 10th 1789 made a return of all the marriages
above recorded attest B Goddard Town Clerk

September 24th 1789 James Leonard of Grafton & Dinah Stimson
of Worcester Were married Pr me Benja Goddard Jus Peace

December 8th 1763 Married Joseph Meriam Junr to Sarah
Wadsworth both of Grafton

Benja Goddard to Mary Flagg Both of Grafton

Samuel Wesson to Rebekah Davis both of Grafton

John Prentice to Sarah Brooks both of Grafton

The foregoing four marriages are an Extract from
the Grafton Church Records then kept by the Rev.
Aaron Hutchinson

October 29th 1789 Gardner How & Nabby Sherman both of Shrewsbury were married pr me Benja Goddard Jus Peace

Novr 12th 1789 Timothy Caryl & Polly Caryl Both of Sutton were married pr Benja Goddard Jus Peace

Febry 11th 1790 William Denning of Cornish in the State of New-Hampshire & Sally Hall of Grafton were married pr me Benja Goddard Jus Peace

Feby 16th 1790 Cyrus Jones & Charity Nichols both of Grafton were married Benja Goddard Jus Peace

March 4th 1790 Barnard Eager & Marcy Batchellor Both of Grafton were married Benja Goddard Jus Peace

March 22d 1790 Abijah Nelson & Sarah Mixter both of Shrewsbury married pr me Benja Goddard J Peace

April 8th 1790 Solomon Willard Harrington of Conway & Elisabeth Putnam of Grafton were married Pr me Benja Goddard Jus Peace

NB all the foregoing marriages returned to the Clerks office Benja Goddard J Peace

May 13th 1790 Daniel Gregory & Lydia Lyon Both of Shrewsbury were married Benja Goddard Jus Peace

May 17th 1790 Isaac Kimball of Westborough & Anna Gibson of Grafton were married pr Benja Goddard J Peace

August 8th 1790 Aaron Hall & Sarah Brigham both of Grafton were married Benja Goddard Jus Peace

August 15th 1790 Nathan Sherman & Polly Thorn Both of Shrewsbury were married pr Benja Goddard J Peace

September 23d 1790 Joseph Nurse of Westborough & Hannah Davis of Grafton were married pr me Benja Goddard Jus Peace

Janry 10th 1791 George Brown Jus of Shrewsbury and Lois Whitney of Grafton were married pr Benja Goddard J Peace

Janry 11th 1791 Isaiah Fairbanks of Grafton & Sarah Nurse of Westborough were married pr me Benja Goddard J Peace

March 24th 1791 Fortinatus Harrington of Carlton & Anna Harrington of Grafton were Married P. Benja Goddard Jus Peace

April 13th 1791 James Armstrong & Lois Kerley both of Sutton were Married P. Benja Goddard Jus Peace

The foregoing Marriages Returned to the County Clerk Benj Walker Town Clerk

Returns of Marriages from Benj.a Goddard Jus. Peace

May 26th 1791 Nath.ll Robbins Jr. & Lydia Holbrook
Both of Grafton were Married

July 31st 1791 Jonathan Whipple & Lydia Leland
Both of Grafton were Married

Aug.t 16th 1791 Joseph Dwelly & Polley Stern,
Both of Worcester were Married

Sept.r 22.- 1791 Monday Hutor & Lucy Gimbee
Both of Grafton were Married

Oct.r 26th 1791 Asa Farrer & Salley Goodale
Both of Grafton were Married

Oct.r 26th 1791 Humphrey Bigloe & Hannah Whipple
Both of Shrewsbury were Married

Nov.r 1791 Gardner Brown of Sutton & Polley
Warren of Grafton were Married

March 6th 1792 Ephraim Goulding & Susannah
Brigham Both of Grafton were Married

April 12th 1792 Moses Rockwood & Huldah Brigham
Both of Grafton were Married

The above were all Married by
Benj.a Goddard Justice Peace

The above Returned to the County
Clerks — & Benj.a Walker Town Clerk

June 21 1792 Ezekiel D Wheeler & Lucrecia Thurston
Both of Grafton were married

Jacob Boston Resident of Grafton & Polly H Green
of Grafton were married August 15 1792

Augt 26 1792 Oliver Whipple & Betsy Hapson both
of Grafton were married

Novr 29 1792 Graham Houston & Patty Bellows both
of Shrewsbury were married

Decr 16 1792 Ithamer Stow & Sally Temple both of
Grafton were married

Decr 27 1792 Lyman Stanford & Betsy Robert both
of Grafton were married

April 3d 1793 Josephus Willard & Lucy Wadsworth both of Grafton were married

all the foregoing Since the Last return were married By Benja Goddard Justice of the peace

April 16 1793 Nathaniel J Wood & Levina Hayden Both of Grafton were married by Joseph Wood Justice of the peace

The above returned by the Subscriber to the Clerk of the Sessions for the County of Worc. Benja Goddard J Clerk

August 8th 1793 Israel Gording & Lucy Drury Both of Grafton were married

August 11th 1793 Amos Batchellor of Grafton & Susannah Baker of upton were married

August 18th 1793 Stephen Barns of Marlborough and Betsy Park of Grafton were married

Novr 7th 1793 Thadeus Whipple & Elizabeth Stow Both of Grafton were married

Decr 26th 1793 Silas Fay of Westbor. and Ruth Rice of Grafton were married

Feb. 2 1794 Simeon Putnam of Charlton Patty Batchellor of Grafton were married

February 25th 1794 John Smith Whitney of Westbor. and Susanna Knowlton of Shrewsbury were married

all the foregoing Since the Last return were married.
By Joseph Wood Jus Peace

May 26th 1793 Aaron Stow & Anna Clark both of Grafton Married

June 27th 1793 Gardner Parker & Asenith Fisher Both of Grafton were married

Feby 18th 1794 Martin Newton & Lucretia Harrington Both of Shrewsbury were Married

May 28 1793 Enoch Forbush & Ethen Wells Both late of Grafton were married

By Benja Goddard Justice of the peace

The above Copied & returned to the Clerk of the Sessions

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton — Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for a Representative to assemble at the Town meeting house in s^d Grafton on monday the 26^th day of this instant November at two of the Clock P.M then and there to Elect a Delegate to Represent the s^d Town in Convention to be holden at the State house in Boston on the second wednesday of January next agreable to a Late Resolve of Court to assent to and Ratify the Continental Constitution if they see cause

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting. Given under our hand, and Seal at Grafton this 16^th day of Nov^r 1787

Benj^a Goddard
Nath^l Sherman
Joseph Wood
Ebenezer Wadsworth
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Return

Grafton Nov^r 26 1787 pursuant to this warrant I have warned all the Notable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time and place as within mentioned in the Law Directs

Ezekiel Brigham Jun^r } Constable

Nov^r 26^th 1787 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and by vote made Choice of Doctor Joseph Wood to Represent the s^d Town of Grafton in Convention as mention in s^d warrant

Benj^a Goddard Town Clerk

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Notable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the town meetinghouse in s^d Grafton on monday the 26^th day of this instant November at one o Clock P.M then and there to act as follows viz^t

1^st To Chuse a moderator for said Meeting

2^d To see if the Town will Grant money to support the Gospel or act thereon as they shall think prosper

3^d To see about the rates assd. on Samuel Adams Jun^r Joel Pratt and Joel Millins all in the hands of Simeon Pratt late Constable or act thereon as they shall think prop

4^th To hear the Report of Committee Chosen to Supply the pulpit and act thereon as they shall think prosper

5th To See if the Town will Chuse another Committee to Supply the pulpit in Lieu of the 1st Committee or act thereon as they shall think proper

6th To See how the Town will appropriate the Interest of the note Due for the Saws or act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the Hour of meeting Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Sixteenth day of Novem. A D 1787

Ebenezer Wadsworth
Joseph Wood
Benja Goddard
Nathl Sherman
} Selectmen for Grafton

Return

Grafton Novr 26th 1787 I have warned all the Voteable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place as within mentiond as the Law Direct

Ezekiel Brigham } Constt

November 26th 1787 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1st By vote Chose Dea Joseph Wood Moderator

3d By vote abated the whole of the Rate of Samuel Adams which amounts to £ 0-14-3 Which is now in the hands of Simon Brune late Constable

By vote abated Joel Safts Town & County rate which is £ 0-14-3 in Silver in Sd Brunes hands

By vote abated the Whole of Sd Safts minister rate which is 2/7

put to vote whether the Town will abate the State & County rate of Joel Millins in the hands of Simon Brune late Const past in the Negative

4th By vote accepted the report of a Committee Chosen to Supply the pulpit which is as follows viz

We the Subscribers being a Committee to Supply the pulpit Report that we have Supplied the pulpit fourteen Sabbaths with Preaching viz

Mr Stone four Sabbaths	£4-16-0
Mr Payson one Do	1-10-0
Mr Stevens nine Do	12-0-0
To Boarding Mr Stevens Six weeks at Six Shillings pr week	1-16-0
Errors Excepted	£20-2-0

Grafton March 2d 1787

Silas Warren
Joseph Marion Jr
Jona Stow
} Committee for Supplying the pulpit

By vote accepted Report of another Committee for Supplying the pulpit which is as follows (viz)

The Committee for Supplying the Pulpit for the Town of Grafton beg Leave to Report that they have Laid out the money as follows (viz)

viz Hired Mr Johnson two Sabbaths at five Dollars per day

	£		
Mr Meriams Bill for Boarding Mr Johnson	3	0	0
Hired Mr Wilder Eight Sabbaths at £1-6-3 pr day	0	13	0
Mr Stows Bill for Boarding Mr Wilder Seven Weeks & two days at Seven Shillings pr week	10	10	0
Hired Mr Green fourteen weeks at five Dollars pr Day	2	11	0
Mr Barnes Bill for Boarding Mr Green nine weeks & two days at 7/ pr week	21	0	0
Lieut Adams Bill not Exhibited	3	6	0
Grafton 26th November 1787	£40	19	0

Benja Walker
Jno Sherman
Joseph Meriam Jr
Wm Brigham
} Committee for Supplying the Pulpit

By vote adjournd for one hour to this place
Joseph Wood Moderator

According to adjournment the Town met and by vote adjournd to the third monday of December next at one of the Clock afternoon to the meeting house
Joseph Wood Moderator

December 17th 1787 The Town being met according to adjournment and proceeded as follows (viz)
Art 6th Put to vote whether the Town will appropriate the Interest of the Ten money now Due for the purpose of Supplying the Pulpit to pay for the first preaching they shall have after the adjournment Then by vote Ordered the time for Laying the money to begin the first of Jan next
By vote Granted £30 to Supply the pulpit
By vote Dismissd the present Committee for Supplying the Pulpit
Voted to have another Committee of 5 men to Supply the pulpit
By vote Chose
Joel Brooks
Joseph Willard
Shelomith Stow
Joseph Meriam Jr
& Lebeus Kidder
} for sd Com.

By vote abated Joel Millins rates in the hands of Simon Brown Late Constable
Joseph Wood Moderator

Worcesterss To Samuel Adams Constable for Grafton – Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts to warn all the Votable Inhabitants of
s^d Grafton to assemble at the Towns meeting house
in s^d Grafton on monday the seventh day of January
Instant at one of the Clock P M then & there to act as
follows viz —

1^st To Chuse a moderator for s^d meeting
2^d For the Town to hear the request of the Town of Upton
Relative to the maintenance of the widow Torry and
act thereon as they shall think prosper —
3^d For the Town to Chuse a Collector of the Ministerial
taxes for the North Side of the Town for the present year

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant &
of your doings thereon to some one of us at or
before the hour of Meeting Given under our hands
and Seal at Grafton this 4^th day of January A D 1788

Benja Goddard
Ebenr Wadsworth } Select men
Joseph Wood } for Grafton

Worcesterss in pursuance of this warrant I have warned
all the Votable Inhabitants as the Law Requires

Grafton Jan^y 7^th 1788 " Sam^l Adams } Const^l

January 7^th 1788 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to
warning & proceeded as follows viz —

1 By vote Chose Joseph Wood Moderator for s^d meeting
2^d voted that it is the opinion of the Town that the widow
Torry is not a prosper Inhabitant of Grafton and
of Consequence they shall neglect to Consult the Town
of Upton respecting her maintainance
3^d By a vote Chose Amor Davis Collector of the Ministerial
taxes for the north side of the Town the present year

Joseph Wood Moderator

Worcesterss To M^r Ezekiel Brigham Jun^r Constable for the Town of
Grafton – Greeting You are Required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable In-
habitants of Grafton to meet at the meetinghouse in s^d
Grafton on Monday the fourth day of February Inst^t at
one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act as follows viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said Meeting
2^d For the Town to Concur with what the Towns Committee
have done Relative to Supplying the Pulpit or act
thereon as they may think Prosper
Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant
and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or
before the hour of Meeting Given under our hands
and Seal at Grafton this first day of Feb^y 1788

Turn over

Benja Goddard
Natt. Sherman
Ebenezer Wadsworth
} Selectmen for Grafton

Grafton Feb. 4th 1788 Pursuant to this warrant I have warned all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place as within mentioned as the Law Directs

Ezekiel Brigham Jun. Constt.

Feb. 4th 1788 The Town being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows (viz.)

1 By vote chose Capt. Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

2d Voted to vote whether the Town will Concur with what their Committee have done Relative to Mr. Grosvenors supplying the Pulpit and it past in y affirmative

Natt. Sherman Mod.

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton - Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the meeting house in s Grafton on monday the third day of march next at Eight of the Clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles (viz.)

1 To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting —

2d To Chuse Town officers for the Currant year

3d To accept Town Debts

4th To Chuse a Committee to manage the School the Currant year

5th For the Town to Suffer the Swine to Run at Large the Currant year if they See Cause

6th To hear the Report of the Town treasurer and act thereon as they may think proper

7th To Grant money to Repair highways the Currant year

8th To See what the Town will allow a day for man and team for work at highways the Currant year

9th To accept of a List of Jury if the Town Shall See Cause

10th To abate the rates assessd on David Stow Junr. in the hands of Ebenr. Cutler Late Constable if they See Cause

11th To abate the rates assessd on Benjamin Leland in the hands of James Whipple & Abner Stow Late Constts.

12th To abate the rates assessd on Elisphalet Smith in the hands of Joseph Warren Simon Bruce & Ezekiel Brigham Junr. former & present Constables

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the Hour of meeting — Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Eighteenth day of Feb. AD Seventeen hundred and Eighty Eight

Return
Worcester ss

Benja Goddard
Nath[l] Sherman
Joseph Wood
Jon[a] Wheler
Ebenezer Wadsworth
} Select men for Grafton

In pursuance of this warrant I have warned all the
votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at the time & place
mentioned in this warrant as the Law Direct
Grafton march 3d 1788 Samuel Adams Constable

March 3d 1788 Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning
proceeded as follows (viz)
1 By vote Chose Nath[l] Sherman Moderator
2d By vote Chose Joseph Wood
Nath[l] Sherman
Ebenr Wadsworth
Benja Walker
& Thos Bicknell
} Select men
Then voted to have Select men & no more
voted to have 3 assessors and no more
By vote chose David Wadsworth
Benja Walker
& Jona Wheler
} Assessors
Then By a vote adjourn[d] for one hour to the same place
Nath[l] Sherman Mod[r]
According to adjournment the Town met & proceed to Buy
By vote Chose Joseph Whipple Town Treasurer
By vote Chose Benja Goddard Town Clerk
Voted to Chuse Two Constables
By a vote Chose Moses Hayden
& Thaddeus Read
} Constables
Voted to Chuse all the rest of the officers by hand vote
Voted to have Two Wardens By vote chose Joseph Warren
& Abner Temple
} Wardens
Voted to have three Tythingmen
By a vote Chose Jno Sherman sworn
Isaiah Fairbanks sworn
& Nath[l] Ward
} Tythingmen
Voted to have Seven Surveyors & Collectors of the highway tax
By vote Chose Thaddeus Read
Benja Goddard
Nath[l] Adams
John Whipple
Thos Leland
Zeb[a] Daniels
& Noah B Kimball
} Surveyors & Collectors
voted to have Eight hogreevers By vote chose Amos Davis
Roberts Hayden
Ebn[r] Butler Jr
Jno Thurston
Jon[a] Warren
Moses Harrington
Esbn Wheeler
& Cyrus French
} Hogreeves
Voted to have 2 fence viewers
By vote Chose Wm Brigham
& Moses Holbrook
} fence viewers
vote to have one Surveyor of Lumber
By vote Chose Benja Walker
} Surveyor of Lumber

Turn over

Voted to have one Sealer of Leather
By vote Chose Joseph Whipple Leather Sealer
By vote Chose David How & Reyn. Batchellor fire wards
~~Then by vote Dismist John Tho~~
4th Then voted to have a Committee of nine men to manage the School the Currant year
By vote Chose Joseph Wood Amos Davis Thomas Axtell Esq. Timothy Johnson Ezekiel Brigham Benja Lathe James Wheeler Daniel Hayden & John Whipple for sd Committee
5th Voted to have the Town meet at large the Currant year
By vote adjourn'd to monday the 17th inst. at one of the Clock in the afternoon to the meeting house
~~Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the last Tuesday~~ Nath.l Sherman Moderator

March 17th 1788 The Town met pursuant to adjournment and proceeded as follows (viz.)
7th By vote Granted £80 to Repair highways this Currant year
8th voted to allow for man and team as the Town allow'd Last year (viz.) 3/ pr day for a man 1/6 pr day for oxen & 9d pr day for Cart untill the 1st of September
9th accepted a List of Jury which is as follows (viz.)

Luther Drury	Andrew Adams	Abel Wetherbee	John Thurston
Derby Batchellor	Nath.l Adams	Sam.l Adams	Jno. Meriam
Joseph Meriam Jun.r	Will.m Brigham	Ezek.l Brigham 3d	James Whipple
Hahum Stone	Moses Hayden	Sam.l Flagg	John Whipple
Thomas Bicknell	Jno. Johnson	Simon Brown	Moses Sherman
David Wadsworth	Noah B. Kimball	Daniel Hayden	James Wheeler
Jon.a Wheeler	Zadok Putnam	Phin.s Leland	
Benja Walker	Nath.l Robbins	Eleazer Leland	
Joseph Whipple	Daniel Warren	Benja Lathe	
	Joseph Wood Jr.	Ebn.r Wadsworth	

Then put to vote whether the Town will order the nine first mentioned ~~four~~ names put in the Supreme Box and it pass'd in the affirmative
10th pass'd by
art 3 proceeded to accept town Debt (viz.)
Accepted of Thomas Axtells account for Boarding Hannah Philips 25 weeks to this day 2/6 pr week —— £3-2-6
Accepted Joseph Meriams act for keeping the Treasury the ensuing year —— 1-10-0
Accepted Joseph Woods act for making rates the year past —— 1-7-0
Accepted David Wadsworths act for making rates Last year —— 1-4-0
Accepted Eph.m Lyons Bill for making rates Last year —— 1-1-0
Accepted Ebn.r Wadsworths act for procuring & calating year past —— 0-6-0
Accepted Benja Goddards act for procuring & calating Two days —— 0-6-0
12th By vote abated Elisha Leets rate in the hands of Capt. Joseph Warren Late Constable the Sum is £0-6-1
also abated D.d Smiths rate in Simon Browns hands being —— 1-0-9-2
and abated all the D.d Smiths rates in Ezek.l Brigham Jr. hands Late Constable
Then by vote Dismist Thadeus Read from the office of Constable
By vote Chose Shelomith Low Constable for the South Side of the Town
Accepted Nath.l Adams's act for Boarding Mr. Green —— £1-2-0

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Then Rutkond and settled with the Treasurer and find in the Treasury Exclusive of the notes for the School and the notes for the pews the paper money and an order on Mo 2 Tax the sum of ——— £390-4-10 ——

Errors Excepted

Joseph Meriam Junr. Town Treasurer

Benja Goddard
Joseph Wood
Ebenr. Wadsworth
} Select men

The above read and accepted by the Town

By vote adjournd this meting attst Nath Sherman Modr
to the first monday in april next at one Clock after noon to the meting house

Nathl Sherman Moderator

April 7th 1788 The Town being met pursuant to adjournment of the anual meeting in march & proceeded as follows viz

art. 11th By vote abated the poll tax of Benja Leland in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable being £0-19-8 in Specia

By vote accepted of Simon Brown to Serve Constable for Capt Shulr Stow

By vote abated David Stow Junr Rates in the hands of Ebenezer Cutler Late Constable being 10/4 in Specia

Nathl Sherman Modr

Worcester ss To Mr Moses Hayden one of the Constables for the Town of Grafton — Greeting you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for Governor Lt Governor & Senators to assemble at the Towns meting house in Grafton on monday the 7th day of April next at two of the Clock PM then & there to vote for Governor Lt Governor & Senators as the Law Directs — Hereof fail not and make due Return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the hour of said meting

Given under our hands and Seal Dated at Grafton this 25 day of March 1788

Joseph Wood
Thomas Bigsnell
Benja Walker
} Select men for Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for Governor Lt Governor & Senators to meet at time & place as is mentioned in this warrant by posting up Copies at Both meting houses in Grafton Grafton 7th April 1788

April 7th 1788 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning for the Choice of Governor Lieut Governor and Senators and brought in their Votes as follows viz

For His Exc^{y} John Hancock Esq^{r}	26	Governor
For Elbridge Gerry Esq^{r}	53	

For Hon^{r} James Warren Esq^{r}	63	Lieut Governor
For Hon^{r} Samuel Adams Esq^{r}	10	
For Hon. Benja Lincoln Esq^{r}	7	

For Senators as follows viz

For Peter Penniman Esq^{r}	63	Senators
For Jonathan Grout Esq^{r}	62	
For John Taylor Esq^{r}	62	
For Amor Singletary Esq^{r}	62	
John Jefferden Esq^{r}	60	
For Abel Wilder Esq^{r}	18	
For Samuel Baker Esq^{r}	18	
For Moses Gill Esq^{r}	18	
For Seth Washburn Esq^{r}	18	
For John Sprague Esq^{r}	17	
For Stephen Maynard	2	

attest

Select men for Grafton

Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Town officers hereafter named were Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their respective offices who were Chosen into office for the ensuing year March 1788

David Wadsworth Benja Walker & Josiah Tucker Assessors Joseph Whipple Treasurer Benja Goddard Clerk Moses Hayden & Simon Bowe Constables Timothy Sherman & Josiah Fairbanks Scythingmen Josiah Head Wm Adams John Whipple Sealers Ebenezer Daniell Mark B Kimball Surveyors & Collectors of Highways & highway taxes Amos Davis Thomas Hodgy Hezekiah Cutler & Moses Harrington Hogreeves Benja Walker Surveyor of Lumber Joseph Whipple Leather sealer David Howe Benja Walker Fenceviewers & Burywife The Select men who stand recorded for the ensuing year together with the assessors Constables Surveyors &c. [illegible]

Worcester ss To Mr Simon Brue Constt for the Town of Grafton Greeting. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house on monday the 12th day of this Instant at 3 o Clock in the afternoon then & there to make Choice of one man Lawfully qualified to Represent the Town in the General Court the Ensuing year hereof fail not & make Due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting Given under our hands & Seal this 2d day of may A D 1788

Jeffs Wood
Thos Wadsworth
Thomas Bicknell
Benja Walker
} Select men for Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified by setting up Notification at both meeting houses in Grafton all the freeholders and other Inhabitants that are qualified to vote for Representatives to meet & assemble at the time & place that is mentioned in this warrant — Then & there to Chuse a Representative

Grafton 9th may 1788 Simon Brue Constable

may 12th 1788 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and made Choice of Colo John Jones to Represent the said Town in the General Court the year Ensuing & that Blodd said Town

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Worcester ss To Mr Simon Brue one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified to vote for Town officers to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in Grafton on monday the Twelfth day of may Instant at one of the Clock P.M. then & there to act on the following articles —

1st To Chuse a Moderator for s.d meeting

2d To hear the report of the Selectmen respecting the moneys in the Treasury and act thereon as they shall think proper

3d To See if the Town will order the Treasurer to call for the Interest of the note given for the Town stock and to order those that have not paid their bonds men to do it or act thereon as they shall think proper

4th To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to search into the tax Bills of the several Late Constables and act thereon as they shall think proper

5th To See who will take Polly Perry who is the Sixth year of her age till She is Eighteen years old or a shorter time as Shall be Best for the Interest of the Town or act thereon as they Shall think proper

6th To abate the Rates of Cesar Gimbee in the Hands of Simon Brues Late Constable or act thereon as they shall think proper

7th To abate the Rates of Frances Drake in the hands of Abner Stow Late Const or act thereon as they shall think Proper

8th To hear the Request of Joel Brooks & others a Committee for Supplying the Pulpit and act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Due Return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meting

Given under our hands & Seal Dated at Grafton this 2d day of May A D 1788

Joseph Wood
Ebenezer Washburn
Benja Walker
Thomas Bickness
} Select men for Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to this warrant I have notified all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified to vote for Town affairs to assemble at time & place mentioned in this warrant & also the article that is to be acted upon I notified the Inhabitants by setting up notifications at both meting houses in s Town of Grafton

Dated 9th may 1788 Simon Brues } Const

May 12th 1788 The Town met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows (viz)

1st By vote chose Dr Joseph Wood Moderator

3d Voted that the Treasurer shall Call in the Interest that is Due on the Town notes up to the 28th day of November 1787

Voted that the Town Treasurer shall Call on all those to pay the Interest & principle now Due for the same who will not pay the interest & procure Bondsmen for the payment of what is Due from them

4th By a vote ordered the Treasurer to call on the Delinquent Constables & Collectors to settle with him for all the Taxes in their hands

5th Dismiss

6th Abated Cesar Gimbees State & County Tax in Simon Bruses hands Late Const which amounts to 14/3

7th Put to vote Whether the Town will abate the rate assessed on Frances Drake in the hands of Abner Stow Late Constable past in the negative

Voted that all the old Continental money which is now in the hands of the old Treasurer Still remain there

8th The vote was tried to See whether the Town was in favour of having Mr Green Supply the Pulpit any longer and it appeared as fallows (viz)

Eighteen in favour for and nineteen against it

2d By vote accepted the Select mens report which is as fallows

Grafton april 8th 1788 We have this day Settled with Joseph Merriam Junr. former Treasurer and upon Examination find in the Treasury the fallowing Sums Due from the fallowing persons (viz)

Capt Jona Wheeler	£ 8-11-0-0
Lt James Whipple	17-5-6-1
Abner Stow	0-12-8-0
Joseph Wood	5-2-5-2
John Whipple	8-5-1-0
Hezk Cutler	2-2-1-1
Capt Joseph Warren	28-13-11-0
Simon Brown	35-10-3-0
Nath Grout	0-10-6-0
Samel Adams	35-12-3-0
Lt Ezek. Brigham	103-11-6-1
Amos Davis	61-2-6
Total Errors Excepted	306-19-9-2

From the former Highway Surveyors & Collectors as fallows (viz)

1782 Thos Leland	20-4-9-3
David Sherman	1-7-0-0
1783 Thos Bicknell	1-0-11-1
Lt Zadok Putnam	12-3-5-2
Benja Garfield	0-4-5-3
1784 Moses Holbrook	9-17-7-1
Capt Jos. Warren	0-2-8-1
Wm Brigham	7-18-3-1
Ephr. Sherman	0-9-11-2
1785 John Brigham	0-13-1-3
Solomn Prentice	0-3-0-0
1786 Nath Chabbins	14-14-4-0
Capt Phil. Stow	19-1-4-0
Col Luke Drury	13-5-0-0
1787 Moses Sherman	7-9-8-1
Benja Lathe	6-12-4-2
Lt Benja Walker	12-7-5-3
Nahum Stone	10-6-10-0
Moses Harrington	0-9-1-1
Daniel Rand	12-0-8-3
	130-12-2-0

Notes of hand

one Note against Maroah Drury
the principle is — £4-10-3-2
Interest up to this day — 3-17-6-0

one note of Col: Luke Drury
the Principle is — 2-15-6-0
Interest to this day — 0-11-4-0

one note of Dr Jos. & Wm Wood principle — 39-1-0-0
Interest to y 17 march 1788 — 2-6-10-2

one note against Moses Harrington & Solomon Prentice Prin. £58-6-7-2
Interest to march y 7 1788 — 3-10-0-0

one note against Capt Moses Harrington late of Grafton Dec. & Cyprus French Principle — 52-10-0-0
Interest up to the 17 march 1788 — 5-5-8-0

one note against Ephraim & James Wheeler Principle — 58-6-7-2
Interest up to the 17th March 1788 —

one note against Cyprus French & Moses Harrington
the principle is — 42-0-0-0
Interest up to the 17th march 1788 — 1-16-8-0

£ 274-18-1-0

one order against Samel Flagg — 2-9-11-0

Total — 277-8-0-0

Notes Given for Pews in the meetinghouse &c against Sundry persons Reckond. Both Principle & Interest up to the 28th of Novem. 1787 Excepting one note of Sixteen pounds which we Reckoned the Interest up to the first day of Febry 1788 amounts to ——— £ 360-13-11-1

To be Deducted ——— 6-18-2-0

Total £ 353-15-9-1

The one third part of a Pew which is the Drawback of the same which belongs to the heirs of Nath.l Sherman Decead. the Sum of ——— £ 6-3-0-0

and two years Interest up to the 28th Nov.r 1787 - 0-15-2-0

To be Deducted from the above said note ——— £ 6-18-2-0

A note against St James Whipple for Eight new Emition Dollars which is ——— 2-8-0-0

269 new Emition Dollars ——— 80-14-0-0

£ 83-2-0-0

All the forementioned Sums notes &c we have Delivered into the Care & keeping of Capt. Joseph Whipple present Treasurer together with all the papers Necessary to be removed from the former Treasurer this Eighth day of april 1788 ——— Thomas Bicknell } Select-men
Benja Walker }
Joseph Wood } for Grafton

Rec.d the forementioned Sums notes &c if on Examination there appears the Sums Due from the Several Constables and Collectors as is set forth in the foregoing Instrument which I promise to account for as Treasurer for said Town Grafton april 8th 1788 Joseph Whipple Town Treasurer

Errors Excepted

All the old Continental paper money we have Left in the hands & keeping of Joseph Merriam Junr. former Treasurer Which Sum Stands Recorded on y Town Book

also we have kept an order in favour of the Town on 1802 tax for the Sum of ——— £ 29-0-0

and have kept an order in favour of the Town for George Geyers Pention

Also an order in favour of the Town for taking Care of Susanna Johns in her Last Sickness. Which orders are Kept in the hands of the Select men in order to petition the General Court to have them allowed in the present State Tax all which we Humbly Submit to the Town for their acceptance this Twelfth day of may 1788

Benja Walker } Select men
Thomas Bicknell }
Joseph Wood } for Grafton.

Rec.d and accepted by the Town

Grafton 12th april 1788

We the Subscribers have Reckoned and Settled and Rec.d of Mr. Joseph Meriam Junr. former Town Treasurer the Sums following Viz.t The Sum of three hundred & nine pounds nine Shillings & Eight pence two farthings Carried out ——— £309-9-8-2

also a note against Manoah Drury for the Sum of 4-19-1-3

also a note against Col. Luke Drury for the Sum of 2-15-6-0

also five Notes Given for the School Land together with the Interest up to the 17 march 1788 for the Sum of 263-3-5-2

also an order N.o 2 Tax for the Sum of ——— 29-0-0-0

also Sundry notes Given for the Pews in the Meeting house for the Sum of ——— 359-2-11-0

Including a Drawback for the one third part of a pew formerly belonging to the heirs of Cornet Sherman

together with Interest for the Sum of ——— 6-18-2-0

The above Pew notes the Interest was Reckon.d up to the 28th Nov.r 1787 Excepting one against Nath.l Batchellor which was Reckon.d up to the first of Feb.y 1788

also 269 Dollars of New Emition money

also a Note against Lt James Whipple for Eight New Emition Dollars

also accounts Due from the Several Late Surveyors and Collectors for the highways for the Sum of £130-12-2

Also all the papers Necessary to be removed to the present Treasury and all other property belonging to the Town Excepting the old Continental paper money taken from the former Constables for the Sum of £29040-4-0

and also old Continental money taken in from the old Collectors of Highways for the Sum of ——— 154-3-0

We the Subscribers in behalf of the Town of Grafton do hereby Discharge the above said Meriam from any further Demands, as Treasurer Excepting the old Continental money if there should be found the above first Sum in the hands of the former Constables as the said Meriam Represented to us

Errors Excepted

Joseph Wood
Benja Walker
Thomas Bicknell
} Selectmen for 1788

The above was Read & acepted by the Town

Joseph Wood Moderator Pro tem

Worcesterss To Lt Moses Hayden one of
The Constables of the Town of Grafton You are here by
Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
chusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified
by Law to vote for Town officers to meet & assemble at
the Towns meetinghouse in Sd Grafton on monday the 15th
day of September next Ensuing at one oClock PM then &
there to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate Said Meeting
2d To Grant money for Schooling & other Town Charges the
Currant year or act thereon as they Shall think proper
3d To accept Town Debts
4th To hear and accept the Report of the Committee Chosen
to Supply the Pulpit & act thereon as they Shall think proper
5th To Grant money to Supply the pulpit with Preaching
or act thereon as they Shall think Proper
6th To have Town Chuse a Committee to Search into the Rates
of the former Constables and abate Such rates as they
Shall See Cause as is not Recoverable or act thereon
as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant and
of your Doings thereon at or before the hour of Said
Meeting Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton
this 22d day of august 1788

Thomas Bicknell } Select men
Eben. Hadsworth } of Grafton
Joseph Wood

Worcesterss In obedience to the within warrant I have
notified the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for
Town officers to meet at time & place as is mentioned in the
within warrant to both meetinghouses in Said Grafton
Grafton Sept 15th 1788 Moses Hayden Constable

September 15th 1788 The Town met pursuant to warning
1st By vote Chose Thomas Bicknell Moderator
2d By vote Granted £50 for Schooling
by vote Granted £40 to Defray other Town Charges
3d proceed to accept town Debts (viz)
accepted Nathl Shermans account for part preambulating
the Line Betwixt westb. & Grafton one Day £0-2-0
accepted Ebenr Hadsworth act for running
the Line betwixt towns the year past
one day & a part 0-5-0
accepted Moses Cutlers act for preambulating
betwixt Shrewsbury & Grafton one Day 0-3-0
accepted of Dan Harrins account for pream-
bulating Betwixt Upton & Grafton one Day 0-3-0
accepted Benja Walkers bill for preambulating
betwixt upton & Grafton one Day 0-3-0
accepted Elijah Brucs account for fixing the
Gate of the burying yard the year past 0-6-0
4th By vote accepted the Report of the Committee
Chosen to Supply the pulpit which Report
is as follows (viz) We the Subscribers being a Comte.
to Supply the pulpit Report as follows

(viz)

The Expence for Supplying the pulpit from the first of april 1788 to the 15th of September instant is as follows

Mr. Green four Sabbaths at 30/ pr day	£ 6-0-0
Mr. Cushman Two Sabbaths at 24/ pr day	2-8-0
Mr. Parker Two Sabbaths at 24/ pr day	2-8-0
Mr. Pond five Sabbaths at 24/ pr day	6-0-0
Mr. [redacted] Dow 5 Sabbaths 24/ pr day	6-0-0
Mr. Parker one Sabbath 24/	1-4-0
Total	£ 24-0-0

To Boarding the above named Gentlemen fourteen weeks and six days at seven shillings pr week £ 4-19-0

N B it is Expected we must pay some Interest which we Desire may be allowed

Sum total 28-19-0

Grafton 15th September 1788

Errors Excepted

Jos. Brooks
Zebedee Fielding
Joseph Merriam
Thomas Bicknell
Joseph Willard
} Committee

5th By a vote Granted £30 to Supply the pulpit

Thomas Bicknell Moderator

(2) Worcester ss To Mr Simon Brown one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for Town officers to meet and assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the 24th day of November Instant at one O.Clock P.M. then & there to act on the following articles viz 1st To Chuse a moderator to Regulate said Meeting

2d To have the Town Dismiss the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit and Chuse another Committee in their room or act thereon as they shall think proper - -

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant Some one of us at or before the hour of sd Meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 17th Day of November 1788

Joseph Wood
Benja Walker
Thomas Bicknell
Hatth. Sherman
} Selectmen for Grafton

Return

Worcester ss In obedience to this warrant I have notified all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for town officers by Setting up notifications at the Towns meetinghouse Setting forth the time & place for sd meeting and the articles to be acted upon - Simon Brown } Constable of Grafton

Grafton Novr 24th 1788

November 24th 1788 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning proceeded as follows viz - -

1st By a vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator

2d By vote Dismiss'd the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit and voted to have another Committee of five men for the same purpose

By vote Chose Silas Warrin Jonathan Stow Perley Batchellor Joseph Merriam jun'r & Jonath'n Hayden for sd Committee

Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Lt Moses Hayden one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton - You are hereby Required in the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton that are Qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in s Grafton on thursday the Eighteenth Day of December Currant at one oClock P M then & there to act on the following artickles (viz)

1 To vote for a Representative to Congress

2d To vote for two Electors to Chuse a President & and Vice President for the United States

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said Meeting

Given under our hands and seal at Grafton this Eleventh day of December 1788

Joseph Wood
Nath[l] Sherman
Ebenezer Wadsworth
Benja Walker
Thomas Bicknell
} Select-men for Grafton

Worcester ss in obedience to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for Representative to meet at time & place as is mentioned in the within warrant by posting a Copy of the within warrant at the meeting house in said Grafton Grafton Dec[r] 18 1788
Moses Hayden Constable

December 18th 1788 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and Brought in their votes for a Representative as follows (viz)

For Hon Jonathan Grout Esq 49
For Hon Timothy Paine Esq — 11
For Hon John Sprague Esq — 4
For Hon Artimas Ward Esq — 2
} Representative

Also Brot in their votes for Electors as follows

For Doctor Samul Willard 28
For Capt Stephen Maynard — 24
For Caleb Amidon Esq — 15
Hon John Sprague Esq — 7
For Andrew Peters Esq — 9
For Hon Artemas Ward Esq — 4
} Electors

For Hon Timothy Paine Esq — 3
Hon Seth Washburn Esq — 1
Hon Sam[l] Baker Esq — 1

Attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

To Mr Moses Hayden one of the Constables for the Town of Grafton, you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Voatable Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for Town offiers to met & assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in sd Grafton on thursday the 18th day of December Instant at 3 o Clock P M then & there to act on the fallowing artiles (viz)

1 To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting
2 To Dispose the Committe for Supplying the pulpit
3d To Chuse a Committe for Supplying the pulpit with preach
4th To Instruct the Committe for Supplying the pulpit or act thereon as they shall See Cause

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this Warrant to Some one of us at or before the hour of meting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 13th day of December 1788 Benja Walker
Joseph Wood
Thomas Bicknell } Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified by Law to vote for Town offiers to met at the time & place as is mentioned in the within warrant by posting up a Copy of the within warrant at the meetinghouse in sd Grafton

Grafton Dec. 18. 1788 Moses Hayden } Const

Dec 18th 1788 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as fallows (viz)

1 By vote chose Col. Luke Drury Moderator
2d The vote was put whether the Town will Dispose the Committe for Supplying the pulpit and it past in the affirmative
3d Voted to have another Com. of five men for Supplying the pulpit By vote chose Luke Drury
John Whipple
Simon Brown
Moses Hayden
& Phinh Leland } for said Committe

By a vote past by the fourth artile
Luke Drury Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Simon Brue one of the Constables
of the Town of Grafton. you are hereby Required
in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
to warn all the Votable Inhabitants of the Town of
Grafton that are qualified by Law to vote for Town Offi-
cers to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in
said Grafton on Thursday the 29th day of this Instant
Jan.y at one o'Clock P.M then & there to act on the
following articles — — (viz)

1st To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate s.d Meeting
2d To abate Certain Rates in a number of the back
Constables hands or act thereon as they Shall See Cause
3d To Chuse a Committee to Settle with a former Committee
that was Chosen to procure this Towns proportion of Beef
for the army of the United States or act thereon
as they Shall See Cause

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this war-
rant with your doings thereon at or before the hour
of said meeting Given under our hands & Seals
at Grafton the 17th day of Jan.y A.D 1789

Joseph Wood
Benja Walker } Selectmen
Thomas Bicknell } of
Grafton

the return

Worcester ss In obedience to this warrant I have Set up a notifi-
cation at the Towns meeting house in s.d Grafton by that I have
warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants Qualified by
Law to vote for Town officers to meet at the time & place
that is mentioned in ~~mentioned~~ in this warrant and of
the articles that are to be acted upon

Grafton 29th Jan.y 1789 Simon Brue } Constable

January 29th 1789 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning
and proceeded as follows (viz)

1st By vote chose Joseph Wood Moderator — —
2d Voted to Leave it with the assessors to abate Certain
rates in the Back Constables hands as mentioned in
the Second article in the warrant or as many as there
Shall think fit and Just
3d Voted to have a Committee of three men to Settle
with a former Beef Committee mentioned in the
third article in the warrant

By vote Ebenr Wadsworth
Thomas Bicknell } Com.tee
Joseph Wood

Worcester ss To Mr Simon Brue one of the Con-
stables of the Town of Grafton — — Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify &
warn all the ~~freeholders & other~~ ~~Constables~~ Inhabitants of s.d Grafton Quali-
fied by Law to vote for Representatives to the General Court
of this Commonwealth to meet & assemble at the Towns
meeting house on Thursday the 29th day of Jan.y Current
at two o'Clock P.M to give in their votes for a Representative

who shall be an Inhabitant of the District of Worcester to represent said District in the Congress of the United States of America

Hereof fail not but make Due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at or before the hour of meeting — Given under our hands & Seal this Seventeenth day of Jan^{y} 1789 Thomas Bicknell, Joseph Wood, Benja Walker } Selectmen of Grafton

Worcesterss 29th Jan^{y} 1789 In obedience to this warrant I have warned & notified all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for Representative to meet & assemble at the time & place that is mentioned in this warrant then & there to Give in their votes for a Representative agreable to the within warrant the warning that I have made is by setting up notification at the Towns meeting house in said Grafton — Simon Brue } Constable of Grafton

January 29th 1789 The Town being met pursuant to warning for voting for a Representation to Congress do Bring in their Votes as follows (viz)

For Hon. Jonathan Grout Esq^{r}	49	Representative
For Hon Timothy Paine Esq^{r}	8	
Hon Artemas Ward Esq^{r}	1	
For Hon Moses Gill Esq^{r}	1	

Attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

pursuant to a precept directed to the Const. of Grafton for a yearly Grand Jurimen have met & made Choice of Capt Joseph Wheelock for Constable on the 29th of Jan^{y} 1789

Worcesterss To Simon Brue one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in s^{d} County you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid Duly qualified as the Law Directs to vote for Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth to meet & assemble at the Towns meeting house in said Grafton on monday the 2^{d} day of march next at three o Clock P M to Give in their votes for a Representative for the District of worcester who must be an Inhabitant of the same to Represent s^{d} District in the Congress of the United States of America

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your doings unto Some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting Given under our hands and Seal at s^{d} Grafton this 23^{d} day of Feb^{y} 1789

Joseph Wood, Thomas Bicknell, Benja Walker } Selectmen for Grafton

Worcesterss in obedience to this warrant I have notified and warned all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton that is within mentioned to meet at the time & place that is mentioned in the within warrant and of the article that is to be acted upon the notification that I have made is by setting up an notification at the Towns meeting house in said Grafton

Grafton 2^{d} March 1789 Simon Brue Constable of Grafton

March 2d 1789 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning for voting for a Representative to Congress and Brought in their votes as follows (viz) ——

For the Hon. Jonathan Grout Esqr	61	Representative
For the Hon. Timothy Paine Esqr	13	
For the Hon. Artemas Ward Esqr	4	
For the Hon. Moses Gill Esqr	1	
For the Hon. Tim. Paid Esqr	1	

attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Lieut. Hayden one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton —— Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Notable Inhabitants of Sd Grafton that are Qualified by Law to vote for Town officers to met & assemble at the Towns meeting house in said Grafton on monday the second day of march next Ensuing at nine of the Clock in the forenoon then & there to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2d To Chuse Town officers for the Ensuing year as the Law Directs
3d To accept Town Debts ——
4th To Grant money to Repair highways the Currant year and to See what they will allow for man & team pr day
5 To See if the Town will Suffer the Swine to Run at Large being yoaked & Ringed ——
6 To have the Town accept a Road from the County road that Leads from Grafton to Mendon To Timothy Fishers Land through the Corner of Daniel Haydens Land as it is Laid out by the Select men ——
7th To order how the Schooling Shall be Conducted the Currant year
8th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer ——
9th To have the Town Set off Capt. Warrin from the middle of the Town Squadron to the Squadron on Stowrhill for Schooling and also to Remove Isaac Hawes from the farm Squadron to the Middle of the Town for Schooling or act thereon as they Shall See Cause

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this warrant and of your doings thereon at or before the hour of Said meeting. Given under our hands & Seal Dated at Grafton this thirteenth day of Feb.y A.D 1789

Joseph Wood
Nathl Sherman
Ebenezer Wadsworth
Benja Walker
Thomas Bicknell
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified by Law to vote for Town officers to meet at time & place as is mentioned in the within warrant by posting up a Copy of the within warrant at the Towns meeting house in said Grafton

Grafton march 2d 1789 Moses Hayden Constable

March 2d 1789 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows (viz) ——

1 By vote Chose Nath.l Sherman Moderator

2d Voted to have five Select men

By vote Chose Benja Goddard, Joseph Wood, John Drury, Eleazer Leland & Noah B Kimball } Select men

By vote adjourn.d for one hour to the meting house

according to adjournment the Town met Nath.l Sherman Mod.r

By vote Chose Joseph Whipple Town Treasurer

By vote Chose Benj.a Goddard Town Clerk

Voted to have three assessors and no more

By vote Chose Jonathan Stow, Thomas Bicknell & William Brigham } assessors

Voted to have Two Constables this year

By vote Chose John Thurston & Andrew Adams } Constables

By vote adjourn.d for half an hour to the meting house

according to adjournment the Town met Nath.l Sherman Moderator

Voted to have two wardens

By vote Chose Benja Leland Junr & Thomas Axtell Junr } Wardens

Voted to have three Tythingmen

By vote Chose Thaddeus Read, Timothy Johnson & Moses Harrington } Tythingmen

Voted to have Seven Surveyors of highways and Collectors of the highway tax

By vote Chose Moses Cutler, Moses Adams, Jon.a Warin, Ephr.m Sherman, Thomas Leland, Simon Brown & Eleazer Leland } Surveyors & Collectors of the highway tax

Voted to have nine Hogreives

By vote Chose Gardner Wheeler, Sam.l Wood, Joel Fay, Ephr.m Harrington, Caleb Leland, Amos Ellis, Aaron Brooks, Simeon Keith } Hogreives

Voted to have 3 field drivers ——

By vote Chose David Wadsworth, Sam.l Adams & Elij.h Drury } field Drivers

Voted to have 2 fire wards

Chose Eben.r Cutler Jr & Robertus Blagg } fire wards

Voted to 3 fence viewers

Chose Benja Walker, Ezekiel Brigham & Noah B Kimball } fence Viewers

Voted to have one Sealer of Leather ——

By vote Chose Zebedee Bedding Sealer of Leather

Voted to have one Sealer of Lumber

By vote Chose Benja Walker Sealer of Lumber

art 7th Voted to have a Committie of nine men to manage the Schooling the currant year

Turn over

7th Voted to have a Com. of nine to manage y School
By vote Chose Moses Harrington
Ebenezer Wadsworth
Elijah Brooks
Jim. Sherman
David W Leland
Nath. Ward
Nath. Batchelder
Jim. Merian
& Jona. Fordush
School Committee

Then by vote adjourn. this meeting to monday the nineth Instant at one o Clock P M to the meeting house
Nath. Sherman Moderator

march 9th 1789 The Town being met according to adjournment & proceeded as fallows (viz)
art 3d proceeded to accept Town Debts
accepted a Bill Brought in by Joseph Whipple Esq for keeping the Treasury the year past — £1-10-0
accepted of the assessors Bill for making rate Twenty two days — 3-6-0
accepted Jona. Haydens account for Boarding a Schoolmaster in the year 1779 — 1-0-0
accepted Dr. Joseph Grouts account for Doctoring Hannah Philips 10/1d — 0-10-1
and for Doctoring George Geiger — 0-2-0
accepted of Elijah Brucs account for taking care of the meetinghouse the year past 0-12-0
accepted of Silas Warren and others a Committee their account for Supplying the pulpit in Novr. & December 1788 four Sabbaths — 5-2-7
By vote accepted the account of Joel Brooks and others a Committee for Supplying the pulpit the with preaching Mr Parker four Sabbaths £4-16 Mr Grovenor three Do £3-14-11-1 and four weeks Boarding Mr Parker £1-8 — 9-19-11-1
4th By a vote Granted £80 to Repair highways the Currant year
By vote allowed 3/ per day for man 1/6 per day for oxen and 9d per day for Cart to work at highways the Currant year until the last of September
5th Voted to have the Swine run at Large the Current year being yoked and ringed
6th Accepted the Select mens Report for Laying out a road which is as fallows (viz)

Grafton 10th February 1789 Report of a road Laid out by the Select men of Grafton from the County road Leading from Grafton to Mendon to Timothy Fishers land (viz) Beginning at a heap of Stones in the fence on the west side of the road about Eight rods north of Daniel Haydens Corner upon the road thence runing

Southwesterly about nine rods across Daniel Haydens Land to a White oak tree in the Line Between said Hayden & Fisher about Eight rods west of the first mentioned Corner said Road to be two rods wide to Lay Southwest of the above mentioned line through a Corner of said Haydens Land Containing about Seventeen rods of Land

Joseph Wood
Ebenezer Hayworth } Selectmen
Benja Walker } of Grafton

7th voted to have a Committee of three men to manage the School the Currant year.

By vote Chose
- Moses Harrington
- Ebenr Wadsworth
- Elijah Brooks
- Timo Sherman
- David Weland

} School Committee

- Nathl Ward
- Nathl Batchelder
- Jno Merian
- & Jona Forbush

~~By vote adjourned~~

8th By vote accepted the report of the Town Treasurer (viz)

By vote Dismissed Timothy Johnson from Serving in the office of Tythingman this year and By a vote Chose Elijah Brooks to serve Tythingman in his room

9th By a vote Set off Capt. Joseph Wadrin from the middle of the Town Squadron to Stow Hill Squadron for Schooling. Likewise Set off Isaac Haven from the farm Squadron so called to the Squadron in the Middle of the Town for Schooling

Feb. 25th 1789 Richard and Settled this day with the Treasurer and find in the Treasury as appears the Sum of £234-13-5-3 Exclusive of the note for School land which are Due as Delivered to the treasurer Last Spring with the Interest on the Whole Except Doctor Wood, paid £2-6-10-2 Exclusive of the note for Pews Principle & Interest Except £10-16-3-3 paid in on Interest Exclusive of Note against Col. Luke Drury & one against Manoah Drury and a Note against Lt James Whipple for Eight Hundred Emition Dollars and the New Emition money and an order on Jas No 2

Feb. 25 1789 Richard & Settled with the Treasurer and find in the Treasury for the use of repairing the highways Due from the Back Collectors of highways which have not Settled the Sum of £120-4-7 Joseph Wood Thomas Bicknell Benja Walker Selectmen of Grafton Joseph Whipple Town Treasurer

By vote adjourned this Meeting to the first monday in April next at four o'Clock P.M. to the meeting house

Nath. Sherman Moderator

April 6th 1789 the Town met according to adjournment and by a vote Chose Col. Luke Drury to serve Constable for and in the room of Andrew Adams

Nath. Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr. Simon Bruce Constable for the Town of Grafton — Greeting.

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified by Law to vote for a Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators to met & assemble at the Towns meeting house in said Grafton on monday the Sixth day of april next at two of the Clock P.M. then & there to Give in their Vote for a Governor Lieu.t Governor and Senators as the Constitution Directs

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting. Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton the 18th day of march A.D. 1789

Benja Goddard
Luke Drury
Noah Kimball
Joseph Wood
Elcazer Leland
} Select men for Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton that is mentioned in this warrant by Setting up Notifications at the Towns meetinghouse in said Grafton — Grafton 6th april 1789

Simon Bruce Constable of Grafton

April 6th 1789 The Town being met pursuant to warning proceeded to the Choice of Governor Lt Governor &c and Brought in their votes as follows viz —

For his Excellency John Hancock Esq — 67
For the Hon. James Bowdoin Esq — 3
For the Hon. Benjamin Lincoln Esq — 1
For Benja Goddard Esq — 1
} Governor

For Lieut. Governor as follows (viz)

For the Hon Samuel Adams Esq — 46
For the Hon Benja Lincoln Esq — 19
For Doc.r Charles Jervis — 1
For Doc.r Joseph Wood — 1
} Lieut. Governor

For Senators as follows (viz)

For the Hon. Artemas Ward Esq — 12
For the Hon. Moses Gill Esq — 18
For the Hon. Samuel Baker Esq — 19
For Hon. Abel Wilder Esq — 18
For Hon Timothy Paine Esq — 6
} Senators

For Hon Seth Washburn Esq — 14
For Hon Amos Singletary Esq — 42
For Hon Peter Penniman Esq — 40

For the Hon. Israel Nichols Esq — 34
For Hon. John Jefsenden Esq — 40
For Mr. David Bigelow — 42
For Martin Kingsley Esq — 8
For Timothy Newell — Esq — 6
For Andrew Peters — Esq — 1

} Senators

attest Benja. Goddard Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Mr. Simon Bruce Constable for the Town of Grafton (Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to met & assemble at the Towns meeting house in sd Grafton on monday the 6th day of april next at three of the Clock P M then & there to act on the following articles viz

1st To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2d To see if the Town will vote that the present assessors shall abate the rates in the Back Constables hands agreable to a late vote of the Town respecting the Last years assessors ~~[illegible]~~ abating rates

3d To Chuse a Committee to Enquire into the State of the Treasury respecting the Bondsmen for the money Due for School Land or act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon at or before the hour of meeting. Given under our hands & seal at Grafton the Eighteenth day of march A.D. 1789

Benja Goddard
Luke Drury
Joseph Wood
Noah B Kimball
Eleazer Leland
} Selectmen Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to this warrant I have notified all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton that is mentioned in said warrant by setting up a Notification at the Towns meting house in said Grafton. Grafton april 6th 1789. Simon Bruce Constable of Grafton

April 6th 1789 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows (viz)

1 By a vote Chose Joseph Wood Moderator

2d voted to Leave it with the present assessors to abate certain rates in the back Constables hands or to act as they shall think Just & fit in the same way & manner as the Last year assessors were Directed to do

3d voted to have a Committee of five men to Enquire into the State of the Treasury respecting the Bondsmen for the money due for School land ~~[illegible]~~

By vote Chose Simon Bruce Joseph Merriam Jnd. Ebenezer Wadsworth David Wadsworth & Perley Batchellor for said Committee

Then voted that said Committee Shall Look into the State of the Treasury Respecting the Bondsmen for the money Due to the Town for School land and report to the Town at some future meeting Joseph Wood Moderator

Worcester ss To Col. Luke Drury one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting —

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to assemble at the Towns meting house in s Grafton on monday the Eleventh day of may next at two of the Clock after noon then & there to act on the following articles (viz) —

1st To Chuse a moderator for said meeting. —

2d To hear the report of a Committee Chosen to Look into Securities for the School Land and act thereon as they shall think prosper

3d To See if the Town will Set off Mr Ingols and John Pratt from the river Squadron and Set them to the Stow Squadron So called

4th For the Town to open a road through Daniel Hayens Land to Timothy Fishers Land or act thereon as they think prosper

5th For the Town to hear the report of the Committee for Supplying the pulpit and act thereon as they shall think proper

6th For the Town to Grant money to Supply the pulpit if they See Cause or act thereon as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & of your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting. Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton the 27th day of april 1789

Benja Goddard
Eleazer Leland
Noah B Kingsbal
Joseph Wood
Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss may 11th 1789
In obedience to this warrant I have notified the votable Inhabitants to meet at time & place according to the within warrant Luke Drury Const.

May 11th 1789 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning proceeded as follows (viz)

1st By a vote Chose Doc Joseph Wood Moderator

2d By a vote accepted the report of a Committee Chosen to Look into the State of the Securities given for the School Land which report is as follows (viz)

We the Subscribers being Chosen by the Town of Grafton to Examine the Securities that was given to s Town for s School Land. We have attended that Service and we are to report as follows (viz) it is our opinion that Every principle of the notes Shall receive them and Shall procure two good Bondsmen and no one of the principles Shall be admitted as Bondsmen for another

Grafton 13th april 1789

Simon Bruce
David Wadsworth
Perley Batchelloe
Ebenezer Wadsworth

3d By vote Set off Mr Ingols & John Pratt from the river Squadron So called to the Squadron on Stows hill so called

4th By vote allowed Daniel Hayden five Dollars for the land where the Selectmen Laid a road to Jno. Fitts's land through his Land and for mowing & Building the wall which Jo Hayden agreed to - -

5th accepted the report of the Committee for Supplying the pulpit which is as follows (viz)

The Committee for supplying the pulpit report that they have attended that Service and find that there is Due to Mr Ebenezer Allen - - } £4-16-0
for supplying the pulpit four Sundays }

To Mr Solomon Spalding for supplying the pulpit Six Sundays 24s pr day - - - 7-4-0

The above account is on Interest three months after the Service is performed - - - - -

To Mr Simon Brown for Boarding Mr Allen & keeping his horse three weeks & five days at 7s pr week 1-6-0

To Lt John Whipple for Boarding Mr Spalding and keeping his horse five weeks & four days at 7s per week 1-19-0
all which we Submit to the Town for their acceptance
Grafton may 11 1789

15-5-0

Luke Drury
John Whipple
Simon Brown
Moses Hayden
Phinehas Leland
} Committee for supplying the pulpit

Joseph Wood Moderator

Worcester ss To Col. Luke Drury Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting -

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for a Representative to meet & assemble at the Towns Meeting house in s.d Grafton on monday the Eleventh day of may next at four of the Clock P.M then & there to make Choice of one Good and Lawful man to Represent said Town in the General Court the Ensuing year

Here of fail not & make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Fifteenth day of april A.D. 1789

Benja Goddard Joseph Wood Ebenezer Allen Noah Baker Jun Esqrs } Selectmen for Grafton

Return as follows (viz)

Worcester ss may 11. 1789 In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the Qualified Inhabitants to meet at time and place according to the within warrant

Luke Drury Constable

May 11th 1789 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and made choice of Col. Luke Luke Drury to Represent said town in the General Court the Current year

attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The following persons made oath to the faithful Discharge of their Respective offices (viz) who were Chosen in the year 1789 in march Joseph Wheeple Treasurer Jonathan Stow ~~Thomas Birknell~~ & William Brigham Selectmen John Thurston & Luke Drury Constables Moses Cutler Moses Adams Thomas Leland Simon Brown Eliezer Leland Surveyors & Collectors of highway tax Benja Leland Jun.r & Thomas Axtell Jr. Wardens Benja Walker Fence viewers Gardner Wheeler Jam.s Wood Joel Hayden Ephm Harrington Caleb Leland Aaron Brooks & Simeon Kith Hogreves David Wadsworth Jam.s Adams Elijah Drury Fieldrivers Eben.r Cutler Jun.r Firewards Zebedee Kidding Leatherseaters Benja Walker Sealer of Lumber Ezekiel Brigham Fence viewer

Before me Benja Goddard Town Clerk ---
And the following persons took & subscribed the oath of allegiance who were Chosen into offices in march 1789 as required by Law to Qualify them to act in their respective offices viz
Joseph Wood Luke Drury Eliezer Leland & Caleb B Kimball Selectmen Jona.s Stow Tho.s Birknell & Wm Brigham Assessors Joseph Wheeple Treasurer Luke Drury & John Thurston Constables

Worcester ss March 4th 1789 This may certify that Capt Thomas Birknell of Grafton this day personally appeared before me and took the oath Required by Law to qualify him for an assessor for the Town of Grafton
Sworn before me Nathan Patram Just Peace

Worcester ss march 10th 1789 This day personally appeared Benja Goddard of Grafton & took the oath Required by Law to Qualify him for a Town Clerk for s.d Town the year Ensuing and also took & subscribed the oath allegiance to qualify him for a Clerk & Select man for s.d Town
Before me James Hames Justice Peace

Worcester ss To Col. Luke Drury one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Town's meeting house in s Grafton on monday the Seventh day of September next at one o'Clock P.M. then & there to act on the following articles viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting

2d To see if the Town will accept of the Resignation of the present Committee for Supplying the pulpit and Chuse another Com. for that purpose in their room & Instruct them if they see Cause

3d To hear the petition of Benjamin Rockwood & others for Clearing the Incumbrance from off the Common &c and act thereon as they shall think proper

4th To Grant money to Supply the pulpit

5th To Grant money to Defray other Town Charges

6th To accept Town Debts

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant & of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the time of meeting Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 21st day of August Ad 1789.

Benja Goddard
Joseph Wood
Eleazer Lelan
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss August 27th 1789 In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the Notable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place as the Law Direct. Luke Drury Constable

September 7th 1789 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1st By vote Chose Joseph Wood Moderator for the Day ensuing

art 2d By vote accepted of the Resignation of the Committee for Supplying the pulpit and voted to Chuse another Committee of five men in their room for that purpose & Instruct them

By vote Chose Deac Joseph Batchellor
Aaron Kimball
Amos Davis
Joseph Grout
& Timothy Merriam
for said Committee

By a vote reconsidered the vote for Instructing the aboves'd Com.

art 3d voted to move the School house & Stable which are on the meeting house Common down to the Line of the Common and to move all the yard fence from off the Common by the middle of November next

Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men to move said incumbrances By vote Chose Nerby Batchellor
Luke Drury
Timothy Merriam
Benja Walker
& Willm Brigham
a Com. for that purpose

Voted that the above Committee look up the Line of the highway from Samuel Woods house to Walt Robins house and move the fence to the Line

art 4th By vote Granted £50-0-0 to Supply the pulpit

5th By vote Granted 40 for Schooling

By vote Granted 20 to Defray other Town Charges

6th proceeded to accept Town Debts

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By a vote accepted of a Bill brought in by Luke Drury and others a Committee for supplying the pulpit £21-12-0
By a vote accepted John Whipples account for Boarding Candidates while they were supplying the pulpit 7 ½ weeks 4-2-0
accepted Samuel Goddards acct for keeping Joseph Ivy's son about two days when sick 0-3-0

Joseph Wood Mod^r

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Volable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Town meeting house in S^d Grafton on monday the fourteenth day of Decem^r next at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & there to act as fallows viz

1st To Chuse a moderator for S^d meeting
2^d To hear the Petition of Amor Whitney and others for selling part of the Common &c and act thereon as they shall think prosper
3^d For the Town to Direct the Treasurer of this Town to take Securities of those who owe for the School land according to a late vote of the Town or act thereon as they shall think prosper
4th To accept Town Debts
5th To See if the Town will appropriate the Interest of the Ben money now Due for preaching or act thereon as they shall think prosper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Meting Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton the 30th day of Nov^r 1789

Benja Goddard } Select men
Joseph Wood } for Grafton
Noah B^t Kimball }

Worcester ss Grafton Decem^r 14th 1789 In obedience to this warrant I have Notified all the Inhabitants of S^d Grafton to meet at time & place agreable to the within warrant

Pr me Luke Drury Constable

December 14th 1789 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as fallows viz

1st By a vote chose Col. Luke Drury Moderator
Then by a vote adjourn'd this meting for ten minutes to this place
according to adjournment the Town met
2^d Put to vote whether the Town will Sell any part of the Common land & it pass'd in the Negative
3^d By a vote the Town ordered their Treasurer to take Securities of all those who owe for School Land agreable to the petition of Amor Whitney & others
according to a late vote of the Town

4th By a vote accepted of a Bill brought in by Deacon Joseph Batchellor and others a Committee for supplying the Pulpit

£16-16-0

For Boarding Candidates — 4-7-0

5th Voted to appropriate the Interest of the Pow-money now Due to pay for preaching Zuba Drury Moderator

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To the Selectmen of Grafton — Gentlemen this may inform you that I have taken into my family Aaron Miller as a hired man about 23 years of age belonging to Westborough no Estate but what he works for he came to me the Sixth day of this Instant april

Grafton april 20th 1789 Joseph Merian Junr

To the Selectmen of Grafton Gentlemen These may certify that on or about the Seventy-fifth day of april last I took into one of my Dwelling houses in Grafton from Westborough Moses Bay & Polly his wife and Moses Bay his Son and another Boy that Lives with him called Jack Gill. he has Little or no Estate

Grafton June 10th 1789 Ebenezer Cutler

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting. you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Voatable Inhabitant of the Town of Grafton to assemble at the Town meeting house in s Grafton on monday the first day of march next at Eight of the Clock in the forenoon then & there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate s meeting

2d To Chuse Town officers for the Current year

3d To accept Town Debts

4th To Grant money to repair highways the Current year

5th To see if the Town will allow the Swine to Run at Large the Currant year

6th To hear the report of the Town Treasurer and accept thereof if they see Cause

7th To order how the School shall be Continued the Currant year

8th To see what the Town will allow a Day for man & Team for work at highways the Currant year

9th For the Town to Chuse a Committee to assist the Town Treasurer in procuring Securities of those who owe for School land agreable to a late vote of the Town or act thereon as they shall think proper

thereof fail not & make return of this warrant &
of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before
the hour of meeting. Given under our hands & seal
at Grafton this Twelfth day of February A.D. 1790

Benja Goddard
Eleazer Leland
Joseph Wood
Joan B Tim ball
} Select men of Grafton

Return

Worcester ss Grafton March 1 1790 In obedience to y^e within warrant
I have warned & notified the free holders & other notable
Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton as the Law Directs to meet
at time & place agreable to the requisition within ascertained

John Thurston } Constable

March 8 1790 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant
to warning & proceeded as follows (viz.)
By a vote Chose Nath^l Sherman Moderator
2^d Voted to Chuse five Select men
By vote Chose Perley Batchellor
Nath^l Sherman
Joseph Wood
Phin^s Leland
Ephraim Sherman
} Selectmen

By vote adjourn^d for one hour to the meeting house
Nath^l Sherman Mod^r
according to adjournment the Town being met
voted to have three assessors
By vote Chose David Hapgood
Joseph Wood
& Joseph Whipple
} assessors

By a vote Chose Joseph Whipple Town Treasurer
By a vote Chose Benja Goddard Town Clerk
voted to have two Constables
By vote Chose Thomas Axtell Jr^r
& Thaddeus Reed
} Constables the Currant year

voted to have three Tythingmen
By vote Chose Ebenezer Cutler
Daniel Warren
& Jon^a Hayden
} Tythingmen

voted to have seven Surveyors & Collectors of the highways
By vote Chose Joseph Grout
Abner Whitney
Tim^o Sherman
Nath^l Ward
Benja Leland Jr^r
Tim^o Sherman
Nahum Stone
} Surveyors & Collectors

voted to have three fence viewers
By vote Chose William Brigham
Tim^o Sherman
& Aaron Tim ball Jun^r
} fence viewers

voted to have Eight hogreeves
By vote Chose John Richardson
Silas Forbes
Peter Richardson
Eph^m Sherman Jr^r
John Knox
Barnard Eager
& Daniel Warren
} Hogreeves

By vote Chose Benja Wadsworth Sealer of Leather
By vote Chose Zebedee Bidding Sealer of Leather

voted to have two fire wards ——
By vote chose David Howe Benja Batchellor 2 fire wards
By vote adjourn'd this meeting to monday the Eighth day of this Instt. meet at one o'clock in the afternoon at the meting house. Nathl Sherman Moderator

March 8th 1790 according to adjournment the Town met
3d proceeded to accept Town Debts
By vote accepted of Jonathan Howe's account for making rates nine days 3/ pr day —— £1-7-0
By vote accepted of Willm Brigham's acct for making rate nine days 3/ pr day —— 1-7-0
accepted Joseph Whipples bill for keeping Town Treasury —— 1-10-0
accepted of Esther Hills account for Nursing a Sick woman five days —— 0-12-0
By vote accepted of Elijah Brown's Bill for taking Care of the meting house &c —— 0-15-0
4th By vote Granted £ 60. To Repair highways the Currant year
5th Put to vote whether the Town will allow the swine to run at Large the Currant year pass in the negative
6th By vote accepted of the Report of the Town Treasurer which is as follows (viz)

February 15th 1790 Then Reckoned & settled with the Town Treasurer and find in the Treasury —— £158-9-10=1
Exclusive of the note Due for School land which note remain in the Treasury as Last year Except £8-11-0-2
paid in as Interest Likewise the new note remain as Last year Except —— £5-2-7-0
paid in as Interest also one note against Col Luke Drury one against Manoah Drury Jr one against Capt James Whipple for Eight New Emition Dollars and the Res Emition money and an order on Tax No 2

Errors Excepted — Joseph Whipple Town Treasurer

Benja Goddard, Joseph Wood, Eleazer Lilend, Noah Bkimball } Select men of Grafton

7th voted to have nine men Chosen as a Committee to manage the School the Currant years
By vote chose Joseph Grout, Aaron Thomball jur, Nahum Stone, Elisha Brigham, Jno Garfield, James Whipple, Abner Howe, Shelomith Howe, & Jno Fisher } School Committee

8th voted to allow 3/ per day for a man 1/6 pr day for oxen & 1/9 per day for a Cart to work at highways the Currant year
9th voted to have a Committee of three men to assist the Town Treasurer in procuring Securities of those who owe for the School land agreeable to a Late vote of the Town
By vote chose Nath. Ward Elenr. Wadsworth & Shelomith Howe a Committee for that purpose
By vote adjourned to the first monday in April next at three of the Clock P.M. to the meting house Nath. Sherman Moderator

April 5th 1790 The Town being met according to adjournment
By vote accepted of Thomas Richards acct for making
Rates the Last year & 9 nine days —— £1-7-0
By vote accepted of Elijah Brues acct for
finding a Lock for the meating house —— 0-3-6
By vote accepted of Col. Luke Drurys acct
for Settling with Abraham Temple Respecting
the Demand he hath against the Town for a road
as a Com[t] man —— 5-17-8

Nath[l] Sherman Moderator

Grafton march 27 1790 These Certify that I have Rec[d] a note
of hand Signed by Luke Drury in behalf of s[d] Town for the sum
of four pounds fourteen shillings payable in six months with
Interest in full of all Demands for a highway Laid out by
a Courts Committee in the year 1780 the Town paying the Law-
ful Cost that hath arisen by reason of an action that I Brought
against said Town for the sum aforesaid
witness my hand Abraham Temple

Test Jonas Brown Jr
Grafton Copy Errors Excepted Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Voters & Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to assemble at the Towns meating house in s[d] Grafton on Thursday the Eighteenth day of this Instant march at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & there to act as follows (viz[t])

1st To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2d To See what the Town will do Respecting the action that Abraham Temple hath Brought against the said Town for Damages assess[d] to him on s[d] Town by the Courts Committee for a road Laid through his Land as by a Copy of the writ appears and act thereon as they shall think proper
3d For the Town to order their Treasurer ~~to make~~ ~~speedy settlement~~ when to call in the Interest money for the pews or act thereon as they Shall think proper
4th For the Town to order their Treasurer to make a speedy Settlement with Col. Luke Drury Lt James Whipple & Manoah Drury for the money Due from them to the Town Exclusive of Rec[o] notes

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant and of your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meating

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 8th day of March AD 1790

Perley Batchellor
Hath[l] Sherman
Joseph Wood
Ephraim Sherman
Phinehas Leland
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton march 18th 1790 In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the Notable Inhabitants of Grafton to met at time and place agreable to the within warrant

pr me Luke Drury Constable

March 18th 1790 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows (viz)

1 By Vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator

2d Voted to have a Committee of three men to Settle with Mr Abraham Temple Respecting his Demand on the Town By a vote Chose Col Luke Drury
Docr Joseph Wood
& Capt Jabez Keeding
} a Committee for that purpose

By a vote ordered the Town Treasurer to Give his note to Mr Temple for Such a Sum of money as the Committee shall Require provided they Settle with him

4th By vote ordered the Town Treasurer to Call in the money Due ~~to~~ the Town from Col Luke Drury as mentioned in the warrant within three months from this Time voted to leave it with the Selectmen to use their Discretion in ordering the Treasurer to Call on Manoah Drury for the money Due from him to the Town

3d By vote ordered the Town Treasurer to Call in all the Interest now Due for the Rents by the first day of april next

Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting. you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of the Grafton Qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor &c to met and assemble at the Towns meeting house in Said Grafton on the first monday in april next at one o Clock P M then and there to act as follows (viz)

1 To Bring in their votes for a Governor
2d To Bring in their votes for a Lieut Governor
3d To Bring in their votes for Senators
For the year Ensuing according to the Constitution

Hereof fail not & make return of this and of your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Eighteenth day of march AD 1790

Perley Batchellor
Ephraim Sherman
Phinehas Leland
} Selectmen for Grafton

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Worcesterss Grafton april 5th 1790 In obedience to the within warrant I have warned & notified the free holders & other votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton as the Law Direct to meet at time & place agreable to the Requisition within ascertained

John Thurston } Constable

April 5th 1790 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning proceeded to the Choice of Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators and Brought their votes as follows viz

For his Excellency John Handcock Esq 57 } Governor
For his Hon: Samuel Adams Esq 58 } Lt. Governor

For Senators as follows (viz)

For Hon: Moses Gill Esq	47
For Hon: John Hesenden Esq	40
For David Bigelow	41
For Capt Jeremi Learned	43
For Hon Timor Singletary Esq	45
For Hon: Seth Washburn Esq	11
For Hon: Samuel Baker Esq	11
For Hon: Artimas Ward Esq	9
For Hon: Abel Wilder Esq	11
For Hon: Peter Penniman Esq	1
For Elijah Brigham	1
For Andrew Peters Esq	1

Joseph Wood
Perley Batchellor } Select men
Phinehas Leland } for Grafton
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Worcesterss To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of said Town that are qualified by Law to vote for town officers to meet & assemble at the Town meting house in sd Grafton on monday the fifth day of april next Ensuing at two o Clock P M then & there to act on the following Articles viz

1st To Chuse a moderator to Regulate sd meeting
2d To hear the Request of Benja Walker & others Respecting the Squadring out the roads for the repairing of them and have them Established and act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant Unto with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meting Given under our hands & seal at Grafton this 18th day of March 1790 Perley Batchellor } Select men
Ephraim Newman } for Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton April 5 (243) 1790 In obedience to the within warrant I have warned & notified the freeholders & other votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton as the Law Directs to meet at time & place agreable to the Requisition within contained

April 5th 1790 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz. — —

1 By voate chose Perley Batchellor moderator

2d put to vote whether the Town will District the roads in the Town according to the 2d article in the warrant resp'd in the Negative

Perley Batchellor } Moderator

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greating you are hereby required in the Name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for a Representative to meet and assemble at the Towns meeting house in s'd Grafton on Friday the 14th day of may Instant at three of the Clock afternoon then & there to Chuse one Good & Lawful man to represent said Town of Grafton in the General Court the present year to be holden at Boston on Wednesday the 26th day of may Instant or ad thereon as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting. Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Seventh day of may A 1790

Perley Batchellor
Nath'l Sherman
Joseph Wood
Ephraim Sherman
Phinehas Leland
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned according to the within Directions

Grafton may 10th 1790. Thaddeus Read } Constable

May 14th 1790 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and made Choice of Doct. Joseph Wood to Represent s'd Town at the General Court the year Ensuing Attest B Goddard Town Clerk

Perley Batchellor } p'r order of the Selectmen

The fallowing persons ~~Chosen~~ being Chosen into the fallowing offices at the anual meeting in march 1790 were Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their Respective offices (viz) Joseph Whipple Treasurer & asessor, Benja Goddard Clerk. Joseph Wood & David Wadsworth asessors. Thomas axtell & Shaddus Read Constables. Wm Brigham & Jno Sherman fence viewers

N.B. The above named Benja Goddard was Sworn by the Nathaniel Sherman Moderator of s meeting and the rest by the Clerk

Taken into my Dwelling house & family a female child named Mary Graves of about nine years of age to serve as an apprentice Girl until She is Eighteen years of age She being one of the poor of the Town of Natick and Bound to me by an Indenture from the Select men or overseers of the poor of the Town of Natick pray the Same may be Recorded on the Records for the Town of Grafton

To the Gent. Select men for the Town of Grafton ~~for the Time of Grafton~~ for the time being

Grafton January 24th 1789 pr John Goulding

Worcester ss To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting Sr you are hereby required in the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified as the Law Direct, to vote for Town officers to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in sd Grafton on monday the fifth day of July next at one oClock PM then & there to act on the following articles viz 1st To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting --

2d To see if the Town will Concur with the Church in the Choice of Mr Nathaniel Howe for their Pastor agreable to the request of sd Church

3d To see what provision the Town will make for his support & in what manner to perform it & act thereon as they shall think proper

4th For the Town to act on any Measures that may be thought proper Relative to the Settlement of the Gospel among us

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant with your doings hereon to some one of us at or before the hour of sd meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Twenty-first day of June A D one thousand seven hundred and ninety

Perley Batchellor
Ephraim Sherman } Selectmen for the Town
Phinehas Leland } of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton June 30th 1790 In obedience to the within warrant I have warned agreable to the written Direction - Thaddeus Read } Constable

July 5th 1790 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1st By vote Chose Docr Joseph Wood Moderator --

2d The Town by a vote Concurred with the Church in their Choice of Mr Nathaniel Howe for their Pastor

Put to vote whether the Town will agree to Settle Mr Howe Conditionally and it past in the affirmative

Then voted to have a Committee of three men to Draw up the Conditions to Lay before the town

By vote Chose Col Luke Drury
Capt Cyrus French } a Committee for
& Docr Joseph Wood } that purpose

Then by vote Chose Joseph Merian Jr } in Addition to the
& Capt Aaron Kimball } above Committee

Voted to Give Mr Howe £85 Salery per year as Long as the Majority of the Town shall See fit to Continue him their minister and when a Majority of said Town see fit to Dismiss him upon Giving Twelve months notice his Dismission shall take place --

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his Salery to Continue the Said Twelve months provided he Supplies the pulpit unless he shall See cause to be Dismissed Sooner Mr Howe being allowed the Same privilege of taking a Dismission with Giving the Same notice
Voted to ~~Chuse~~ have the present Committee for Supplying the pulpit present the Town Votes to Mr Howe
Then by a vote the Town ordered their Clerk to Serve Sd Committe with a Copy of Sd Votes

Voted adjorn'd this meeting to the third monday in august next at one of the Clock afternoon to the meeting house Joseph Wood Moderator

August 16 1790 The Town met according to adjournment and adjorn'd for half an hour to the meeting house
Joseph Wood Moderator

according to adjornment the Town met & adjorn'd to thursday the 26th day of august instant at one o'Clock after noon to the meeting house
Joseph Ward Moderator

August 26th 1790 The Town met according to adjournment and proceeded to business
Put to vote whether the Town will make any alteration in their proposals to Mr Howe
and it pass'd in the Negative
Then put to vote whether the Town will order their Committe to apply to Mr Packard to Supply the Pulpit and it pass'd in the affirmative
Then the Town by a vote Reconsidered the Last vote
The vote was put whether the Town will order Sd Committe to apply to any other Candidate and it pass'd in the affirmative
Then by a vote Dissolved this meeting Joseph Wood Modr

Worcester ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts
To Thomas Axtell Junr one of the Constables for Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Grafton qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet & assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in said Grafton on the first monday of October next at one o'Clock afternoon then & there to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to Congress for this County. Here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 14th day of September A.D. 1790
Perley Batchellor
Ephraim Sherman
Joseph Wood
Phinehas Leland
Selectmen for Grafton

Voted Thomas Axtell be Chosen to Represent the Town at the Generall Court for the Ensuing year
Voted the Town is not able to keep the Town Clock in order

Worcester ss October 24 2 30th 1790 pursuant to the
within warrant I have warned all the Inhabitants of
Grafton Qualified as within mentioned to meet at time & place
Thomas Artell Junr } Constable
of Grafton

October 4th 1790 pursuant to warning the Town of Grafton
being met brot in their votes for a Representative to Congress
as follows viz —

For the Honourable Jonathan Grout Esqr 37
For the Honourable Artemas Ward Esqr 10
For the Honourable John Sprague Esqr 10
} Representative

By vote adjourn'd this meeting for two hours
attd Perley Batchellor } in behalf of the Select men
according to adjournment the Town met & the Selectmen read
up a List of the votes as the Law Direct
Perley Batchellor } Selectmen
by order of the

Worcester ss The Commonwealth of Massachusetts —
To Thomas Artell Junr one of the Constables for the Town of
Grafton Greeting You are hereby required in the name
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts aforesaid to notify
and warn all the Votable Inhabitants of s Grafton qualified
by Law to vote for Town officers to meet & assemble at the
Towns meeting house in said Grafton on the first mon
day of October next at two of the Clock in the after
noon then & there to act on the following articles (viz)
1st To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting —
2d To Grant money to Defray Town charges or act thereon
as they shall think prosper
3d To Chuse a Committee to Examine the Late Grant
and Expenditures of the money for supplying Pulpit
or act thereon as they shall think prosper —
4th To Grant money to supply the pulpit or act there
on as they shall think prosper —
5th To accept Town Debts —
6th To hear the Report of the Committee Chosen to
assist the Treasurer in taking securities for the
School Land or act thereon as they shall think prosper

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant
with your doings thereon unto some one of us at or
before the the hour of said meeting Given under
our hands & Seal at Grafton this fourteenth day of
September Ad 1790
Perley Batchellor
Ephraim Sherman
Joseph Wood
Phinr Leland
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss October 4th 1790 I have warned the
pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the
Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place
as within mentioned Thomas Artell Junr } Constable
October 4th 1790 The Town of Grafton being met to Grant
money &c according to warning proceeded as follows
viz 1st By vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator
2d By a vote Granted £40 to Defray Town Charges
Exclusive of Schooling —
by vote Granted £40 to Defray School Charges

3d voted to have a Committee to Examine the Late Grants & Expenditures of Money for Supplying the Pulpit By vote Chose Joseph Merriam Jr. Benja Walker & John Whipple Jr. a Comte for that purpose

5th proceeded to accept town Debts

By a vote accepted an account brought in by Deacr Joseph Batchellor and others a Committee for Supplying the pulpit which account is as follows viz Mr Nath.l Howe six days £7-4-0

Mr Silas Dudley 2 days —— 2-8-0

Mr. Nath.l Howe three days —— 3-12-0

Mr Caleb Blake four days —— 4-16-0

£18-0-0

To Boarding the above said Candidats —— 4-6-0

By vote adjourn.d this meeting to monday the Eighteenth day of October Instant at 3 o'Clock P.M. to the Meeting house Perley Batchellor Moderator

October 18th 1790 The Town met according to adjournment and proceeded as follows viz ——

By a vote accepted the Report of the Committee Chosen at this meeting Which Report is as follows viz

We the Subscribers having been Chosen a Committee to look into the Different Grants of money made to Supply the pulpit and the Expenditures of the Same according to the report of the Different Committees up to the 4th of October 1790 Beg Leave to Report that we have attended to the Business at the Treasurys office and after Examining the Different Grants and Expenditures according to the Best Calculation we could make that the Expenditures have overbalanced the Grants £4-10 Including the Interest on a number of Obligations Given for preaching Which Interest on Mr Grosvenors note & obligations Given to the Different Candidats as nearly as we could Estimate amounts to £13-14-5-2

Grafton October 13th 1790 Joseph Merriam Jr. John Whipple Benja Walker } Committe

By vote accepted the Committes account for Boarding Mr Nathaniel Howe three weeks £1-1-0

6th By a vote accepted the report of a Committe refered to in the Sixth article which is as follows (viz) —

Grafton October 4th 1790 We the Subscribers being a Committe Chosen by the town of Grafton to assist the Town Treasurer in taking Securities for the money Due to the Town for the School land Do report as follows. viz for £39-1-0 Doctor Joseph Wood is principle and Francis Barnes and William Wood are Sureties for forty two pounds Capt Cyrus French is principle

and Capt Zebedee Harding and Ephraim Harrington
are Sureties

Joseph Whipple Esq Treasurer

Nath[l] Ward
Ebenez[r] Wadsworth
Thelomith Stow
} Committee

By vote the Town Impowered the present Comt for supplying the pulpit to hire money to pay Mr Blake and for future preaching untill the Town shall order otherwise

By a vote the Town ordered their Treasurer to call in all the money now Due for School land from all those who have not renewed the obligations they have given for [redacted] School lands according to the vote of the Town

Perley Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss Commonwealth of Massachusetts —

To Thomas Axtell Jun[r] one of the Constables for Grafton
You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid to warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for Town officers to meet & assemble at the Towns meting house in s[d] Grafton on monday the Twenty seventh day of Dec[r] Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & there to act on the Following articles (viz)

1 To Chuse a moderator to Regulate s[d] meting
2[d] To see if the Town will Loan the old paper money or act thereon as they shall think prosper
3[d] To Grant money to supply the pulpit or act thereon as they shall think prosper
4[th] For the Town to Give Directions to the Treasurer to pay to Cap[t] Nathaniel Sherman Administrator on the Estate of his Father Late Decas[d] the sum Due for the old Pew that Belonged to his s[d] Father
5[th] For to anupt Town Debts

Hereof fail not & make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meting — Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this thirteenth day of December A D 1790

Perley Batchellor
Ephraim Sherman
Joseph Wood
Phinehas Leland
} Selectmen Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the voteable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet at the Time & place within Directed

Thomas Axtell 2[d] Constable

December 27th 1790 the Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as Follows (viz)

1 By vote Chose Cap[t] Nath[l] Sherman Moderator
2[d] put to vote whether the Town will Loan the old Continental money and it pass[d] in the affirmative
and pass[d] a vote to let the New Emition money Lay [redacted] as it now is —
voted to have a Committee of two men to Loan the old Continental money By a vote Chose Dea[n] Joseph Merriam & Cap[t] Joseph Whipple
} Forward Committee

3d put to vote whither the Town will Grant a Sum of money to Supply the pulpit and it past in the Negative
Put to vote whether the town will take one year Interest of the Pew money to pay for preaching Past in the affirmative.
4th Voted to Leave it with the Select men to order the Treasurer who those men that owe for the pews Shall pay Capt Nathaniel Sherman the money Due for his fathers part of the old pew as mentioned in the 4th article
5th By a vote accepted of a Bill Brot in by Thomas Axtell for minding George Gyers Shoes —— £0-2-6
on Joseph Grouts account against George Gyer the Town voted to leave it with the Select men to Enquire whether there was any thing Due from the State to George Gyer when the said account became Due and if so to allow Mr Grout as much as appeared to be just

Nath[l] Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Capt Thaddeus Treadwell of the Constables for Grafton you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the Voteable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid Qualified to Vote for Town Officers to Meet and assemble at the town Meetinghouse in S[d] Grafton on monday the Seventh Day of March next at Eight of the Clock in the morning then and there to act on the following articles (viz)

1 to Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting
2 to Chuse Town Officers for the Current year
3 to hear the Report of the town treasurer
4 to Accept Town Debts
5 to Grant money to Repair the Highways the Current year
6 to See what they will allow for man and team to work at the Highways or act thereon as they shall think Proper
7 to See how the town will order the Schooling the Current year
8 to See if the town will Suffer the Swine to Run at Large
9 to See how the town will Provide for the town Poor the Present year and act thereon as they Shall think Proper
10 to vote for County Treasurer
11 to hear the Request of Ephraim Fletcher now living in South Brimfield and act thereon as they shall think Proper
12 to See if the town will abate the whole of the Minister Rates assessed on the widow Darling & Jeremiah Chase Abel Dudley Reuben Carpenter Elias Chase all of Sutton in the Hands of John Thurston late Constable
13 for the town to abate the whole of the rates assessed on Boston Phillips on the hands of John Thurston assessed and act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto some one of us at or before the time of said meeting given under our Hands and Seal at Grafton this 10th Day of Feb[y] 1791

Jerey Fletcher
Nath[l] Sherman
Ephraim Sherman
Joseph Wood

} Select Men for Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton March 2. 1791 Agreeable to the within warrant I have warned as therein Directed Shadrach Bond Constable

March 7th 1791 The Town of Grafton Met Pursuant to warning and Proceeded as follows (viz).

1 by Vote Chose Col Luke Drurey Moderator.
2 Voted to 5 Select Men the Currant year
by Vote Chose Dact. Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Col. Luke Drurey
Lt. Benja Walker
& Lt. Eleazer Leland } Select Men

By Vote Chose Capt Joseph Whipple Town Treasurer
By Vote Chose Lt. Benja Walker Town Clerk
Voted to have three Assessors,
By a Vote Chose Dact. Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
& Capt. Joseph Whipple } Assessors

By a Vote adjurned this Meeting till 2 O Clock to the Meeting House
Luke Drurey Moderator

March 7th 1791 The Town being out according to Adjournment and proceeded to Business (viz)
By a Vote Reconsidered all the Votes Pass in this Meeting and by Vote Chose Col. Luke Drurey Moderator
Voted to have 5 Select Men the Currant year
by Vote Chose Dact. Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Col. Luke Drurey
Benja Walker
& Lt. Eleazer Leland } Select Men

By Vote Chose Capt. Joseph Whipple Town treasurer
By Vote Chose Benja Walker Town Clerk
Voted to have 3 Assessors the Currant year
by Vote Chose Dact. Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
& Capt. Joseph Whipple } Assessors

Voted to have 5 Constables the Currant year
by Vote Chose Dan Warren
Benja Allen
by Vote adjurned this Meeting to Monday the 14th Instant at one o Clock at the Meeting House in Grafton
Luke Drurey Moderator

Groton March 14th The Town being Met according
to Adjournment and proceeded to Chuse (viz)
Voted to have two Sitting Men the Current year
by Vote Chose Amos Davis } Sithingmen
& Benja Peckham }
Voted to have Seven Surveyors and Collectors of Highways
by Vote Chose James Whaler }
Levi Mason
Lt Jonathan Stone } Surveyors and
Ebenr Sadler } Collectors for
Moses Holbrook Jr } Highways
Wm Brigham }
& Lt Josiah Putnam }
Voted to have three fence Vewers the Current year
by Vote Chose Timothy Sherman }
Jerley Batchellor } fence Vewers
& Capt Joseph Warren }
Voted to have 5 Hog Reives the Current year
by Vote Chose Isaiah Fairbanks }
Caleb Sadler
Jonathan Wadsworth } Hogreives
Samll Warren
& Aaron Hall
by Vote Chose Benja Walker Sealer of Lumber
by Vote Chose Capt Jeduthun Reding Sealer of Leather
by Vote Chose Elijah Stanton } Sworn
& David Stone }
by Vote Dismiss Benja Lathe from Serving as
Constable and Chose Daniel Hayden in his Room
by Vote Dismiss Danl Hayden from Serving as Const
and Chose Capt Jeduthun Reding in his Room
by Vote Dismiss Danl Warren from Serving as Corse
and Chose Lt Noah Farnsworth in his Room
5 Voted to to Repair the Highways the Current year
6 Voted 3/ p. Day for Men 1/6 for Oxen and
1/ p. Day for Cart till the 25th of Octr Next

7 Voted to have 9 Committee men to manage the School
by Vote Chose Esq^rs Wheeler
Elijah Drury
Dan^l Reed
Sam^l Leland
Lt John Whipple
Benj^a Shutton Jr
Sam^l Flagg
Silas Southgate
& Benj^a Godard Esq^r
} Committee to Manage the School

8 To Dea^n Joseph Stickney and other Committee men for supplying the Pulpit
£ 13 14 8
To Doct^r Joseph Grout for Doctoring Sam^l Poor — 4 2
To John Shutton for Mending George Geyer's Gun — 2 3
To Capt^t Thadeus Read for Carrying a warrant to Upton — 1 —
To Dan^l Wadsworth for Making Rates — 1 4 —
To Doct^r Joseph Read for Making Rates — 15 —
To Capt^t Joseph Whipple for Keeping the Treasury & Making 2 15 6
To Elijah Bruce for Tolling Bell of the Meeting House — 12 —

8 Voted to have the Swine Run at Large the Currant year

9 Voted that the Select Men be Over Seers of the Poor
by Vote Adjourne this Meeting to the first Monday in April Next to meet at the meeting House at one O Clock P. M —

Monday April 4th — Luke Drury Moderator

The Town being Met according to Adjournment and Proceeded to Business as follows (viz)

Voted to have 2 Wardens the Currant year
by Vote Chose Eben^r Cutler Jr & Nath^ll Ward Jr Wardens

10 Sam^l Allen Esq^r for a County Treasurer 29 Votes

11 Voted to Give the money Raised for the Town of Charleston in South Carolina to Esq^r Fletcher of South Brimfield —
by Vote Chose Doct^r Joseph Read and Dea^n Joseph Merriam's a Committee to Receive Donations for Esq^r Fletcher of South Brimfield voted to have a Contribution for that Purpose

12 Voted to Vote by Ballot if the Town would abate the Minister Rate of the 11^s Abigail Darling Thomas Chase Reuben Carpenter Elias Chase and Abel Dudley all of Sutton in the Hand of John Shutton Late Constable and Did in the Negative

Voted to abate the Rates of Boston Phillips
in the Lands of John Thurston Late Comf.e i 0 — 3 — 10
by Vote adjurnd their Meeting to 6 O Clock this Day
then to Meet at the meeting House

April 4th 1791 Luke Drurey Mod.r

The Town being Met according to adjournment
and Proceed to Business as follows (viz)
by Vote Adjurnd this Meeting to the 9th Day of
May Next at 2 O Clock P. M. then to meet
at the Meeting House Luke Drurey Mod.r

May 9th 1791
The Town being Met according to Adjournment
and Proceed as follows (viz)
by vote Dissolved this meeting

Luke Drurey Mod.r

Worcester ss
To Capt Joseph Whipple one of the Constables for the
Town of Grafton Greeting — You are hereby Required in
the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn
all the Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton that are
Qualified by law to Vote for Town officers to Meet and
Assemble at the Town Meeting house in said Grafton
on Monday the 4th Day of April Next Ensuing at
2 O Clock P. M. then and there to Act on the following
Articles (viz)

1 To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting
2 To Hear the Report of the Committee Chosen to
Loan the Old Continental Paper Money and
Act thereon as they Shall think Proper
3 To See what method the Town will take for the
Supplying the Pulpit in future and act thereon
as they Shall think Proper
4 To Grant Money to Supply the Pulpit or act
thereon as they Shall think Proper
5 To See if the Town will Sell their Now Emition
Paper Money or act thereon as they Shall think Proper
6 To See if the Town will Sell their order on No 2 Fort or
act thereon as they Shall think Proper

Hereof fail Not and make return of this warrant with your doings
thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of Said meeting given
under our hands and Seal of Grafton this 19th Day of march A.D. 1791

David Hadley
Benj.a Walker
Eleazer Eaton

Select Men
of Grafton

In Obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the Votable Inhabitants to meet at the time and Place of the within mentioned

Grafton 25 March 1791 Joseph Whipple Constable

Grafton April 4th 1791 The Town being met Pursuant to warning and Proceeded as follows (viz)

1 by a Vote Chose Col. Luke Drury Moderator

2 Voted that the Select Men settle with the Committee Chosen to Loan the old Continental Paper money and Discharge them from the same

3 Voted to Chuse a Committee to Supply the Pulpit
Voted to have 5 in said Committee
by Vote Chose Lt John Whipple
Peter Richardson
Elijah Roach
William Brigham
& Lt Nathl Dana
Committee

4 Voted £60 to Supply the Pulpit

5 Voted to Sell the new Emation Paper Money
Voted to have a Committee of three to sell said money
by Vote Chose Deacn Joseph Wood
Decn Joseph Merriam
& Col. Luke Drury
Committee

6 Put to Vote whether the Town would Sell the order on No 2 Seal. and it Past in the Negative

Luke Drury Moderator

We would inform the Town that the whole of the Continental Paper Money amounting after Examination to 960 42 Dollars as will appear by the Papers hereto annexed has been Presented to the Commissioner of Loans of this Commonwealth and we have Received Notes to the amount of 960 Dollars & 42 Cents as will appear by the Papers — the Cost of Examinining the money was one Dollar and 92 Cents making a Charge of the Dolr in 9d the whole Cost is 12/4 which sum we Desire may be allowed to us.

Grafton 4th April 1791 Joe Whipple
Jos Merriam
} Committee to Loan the Paper Money

Worcester ss. To Capt. Joseph Whipple one of the
Constables for the Town of Grafton Greeting —
you are hereby Required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the
Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton that are Qualified
by the Constitution to vote for Governor &c. to Met
and assemble at the Town Meeting house in Pd Grafton
on Monday the 4th Day of April next at 3 o'Clock P. M.
then and there to act on the following Articles (viz.)

1 To bring in their votes for a Governor
2 To bring in their votes for a Lt. Governour
3 To bring in their votes for Senators
for the year Ensuing according to the Constitution
Here of Fail not and Due Return of this warrant
with your Doings thereon at or before the Hour of
said Meeting Given under our Hands and Seal Dated
at Grafton this 19th Day of March A.D. 1791 —

Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Benj.a Walker
Eleazer Leland
} Select Men of Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to the within warrant I
have warned all the Qualified voters to meet at the time
and place of the within Mentioned
Grafton 25th March 1791 Jos Whipple Constable

Grafton April 4th 1791
The Town of Grafton Met pursuant to warning
and Proceeded as follows (viz.) —
for Hon.d John Hancock Esqr. 41 Votes for Governour
for Hon.d Sam.l Adams Esqr 29 votes for Lt. Govr
for Hon.d Nath.l Gorum Esqr. 5 votes for Lt. Govr
for Hon.d David Cobb Esqr 1 Vote for Lt. Govr
for Hon.d Jon.a Grout Esqr 21 Votes for a Senator and for
Moses Gill Esqr 22 for Abel Wilder Esqr 21
for Amos Singletary Esqr 13 for John Lefundon Esqr 18
for Seth Washburn Esqr 3 for Sam.l Gather Esqr 2
for Benj.a Read Esqr 7 for Warner Esqr 7
for Dwight Foster Esqr 8 for Martin Kinsley Esqr 1
for Joseph Wood Esqr 1 for Sam.l Flagg Esqr 1
for Sundry other Persons 6 —

Worcester ss —

To Lt. Noah B. Kimbal Constable for Grafton Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are
hereby Required to Notify and warn all the Notable Inhabitants of the
Town of Grafton Qualified by law to vote for Representative
to meet and assemble at the Town Meeting House in D. Grafton
on Monday the 9th Day of May Next at 3 O Clock P.M. then
and there to make Choice of one Good and lawfull Man to
Represent the D. Town in the Great and General Court
the Present year to be holden at Boston the last
Wednesday of May Next — hereof fail not and make
Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some
one of us at or before the hour of D. Meeting Given under
our hands and Seal at Grafton this 9th Day of April 1791

Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Eliazer Leland
Benja Walker
} Select Men of Grafton

Grafton May 9th 1791 In obediance to the within
Warrant I have Notified as within Directed Noah B. Kimbal Const.

May the 9th 1791 The Town of Grafton
being Met Pursuant to warning for the Choice of
a Representative and Proceeded as follow (viz) —

by vote Chose Col. Luke Drury to Represent
them in the Great and General Court the Current year

Worcester ss. To Lt. Noah B. Kimbal
Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting - you are
hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Gr.
Qualified by law to vote for Town Officers to Meet & Assemble
at the Town Meeting House in D. Grafton on Monday the
9th Day of May Next at 4 O Clock P.M. then & there
to act on the following Articles (viz)

1 To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate D. Meeting
2 To hear the Request of the Committee for Supplying
the Pulpit and act thereon as they Shall think Proper

Hereof fail not and Make Due Return of this warrant
with your Doings thereon to Some one of us at or before
the Hour of said Meeting Given under our Hands and Seal at
Grafton this 9th Day of April 1791 Benja Walker

Joseph Wood
Luke Drurey
David Wadsworth
Eliazer Leland
} Select Men of Grafton

Grafton May the 9th 1791 —

In Obedience to the within warrant I have
Notified as within Directed Noah W. Shimbal Constable

May the 9th 1791 —

The Town being Met Pursuant to warning and
Proceed as follows (viz) —

by vote Chose Doct. Joseph Wood Moderator
voted to have a Committee of 5 Men to supply the Pulpit
and by vote Chose Joel Brooks
Doct. Joseph Grout
Jerley Batchellor
Lt. Nath. Adams
& Lt. Moses Harrington
} for said Committee

Put to vote whether the Town would Instruct
the Committee to hire Mr. Grosvenor to supply
the Pulpit &c. in the affermative 21 for
and 15 against — by vote Reconsidered the vote
for Instructing said Committee

Joseph Wood Mod —

To Capt Joseph Whipple one of the Constables of the Town
of Grafton Greeting — You are hereby Required in
the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn
all the Inhabitants of s. Town of Grafton that are Qualified
by law to Vote for Town Officers to Meet & assemble at the
Towns Meeting House in s. Grafton on Monday the
fifth Day of Sept. Next at two o Clock P. M. then and
there to Act on the following Articles (viz)
1 To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting
2 To Grant Money for Schooling and other Necessary
Town Charges the Currant year
3 To See if the Town will Sell their Six P Cent Note
or act thereon as they Shall think Proper
4 To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Ajust the
the New Road through Abm Temples land and Sell the
old Road or act thereon as they Shall think Proper
Here of fail not and make Due Return of this
Warrant with your Doings thereon at or before the
Hour of said Meeting Given under our hands and Seal
at Grafton this 9th Day of Augt 1791 —

Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Luke Drury
Jerry Walker
Elijah Leland
} Select Men of Grafton

Worcester ss — In Obedience to this warrant I have warned all the Notable Inhabitants to appear at time and Place as within Mentioned Grafton 29th Augt 1771 — Jos. Whipple Constable

The Town of Grafton Met Pursuant to warning this 1 Sept. 6th and Proceeded as follows (viz)

1 by vote Chose Decr Joseph Merriam Esqr Mod
2 Voted to Raise £40 to Defray Town Charges the Current year
3 Voted to Raise £35 for Schooling Exclusive of the Interest on the 6 pr Cent Note which was voted for the same use which was £11 10s
4 Voted not to Sell the 6 pr Cent Note
5 Voted to Chuse a Committee of three Men to Open the Road through Abm Samples Land and Sell the Road by vote Chose Col. Luther Drury, Lt. Joseph Bruce, & Benja Walker } for Sd Com.

Worcester ss — Joseph Merriam Esqr Mod

To Capt Joseph Whipple one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting — you are hereby Requird in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton that are Qualified by law to vote for Town Officers to meet and assemble at the Town Meeting House in D. Grafton on Friday the 13th Day of Jany Instant at One O Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles (viz)

1 To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting
2 To hear the Request of Lt Joseph Bruce & others Respecting the Committee hiring Mr Grosvenor to supply the Pulpit and act thereon as they shall think Proper
3 To grant Capt Joseph Grout Request to be Dismissed from Serving as a Committee Man for supplying the Pulpit and act thereon as they shall think Proper
4 To Audit Town Debts
5 To have the Town Enquire of the Committee that was Chosen to forward the Donation Raised for the Relief of Ephm Fletcher of South Brimfield and Act thereon as they Shall think Proper

Turn over

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the Hour of said Meeting Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Seventh Day of Janry. 1792 —

Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Luke Drury
Wesl.y Walker
} Select Men of Grafton

Worcester ss —

In obedience to this warrant I have warned all the Notable Inhabitants to meet at time & place as Mentioned — Grafton 18th Janry. 1792 —

Joseph Whipple Constable

Grafton Janry. 18th 1792 The Town of Grafton being Met Pursuant to warning and Proceeded as follows Viz —

1 by a Vote Chose Dan.l Joseph Wood Moderator
2 Put to Vote whether the Town would Imploy Mr. Grosvenor any longer to Supply the Pulpit and Pas.d in the Negative 22 for & 23 against
3 Put to Vote whether the Town would Instruct the Committee not to hire Preaching till the Middle of Feby. and Pas.d in the Negative

~~Joseph Wood Moderator~~

4 Allowed Dea.n Jos. Whitcomb & others Com.tee Accompt for Supplying the Pulpit £2-8-0

Allowed Joel Brooks & others Committee for Supplying the Desk Dit.o £3-14-6

Allowed Lt. John Whipples & others Dit Committee for Supplying the Desk £1-12-0

Joseph Wood Mod.r

Worcester ss (261)

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting
you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid that are Qualified by Law to vote for Town Officers to Meet & Assemble at the Towns Meeting house in s^d Grafton on Monday the 5^th Day of March Next at 9 O'Clock in the Morning then & there to Act on the following Articles (viz) ——

1 To Chuse a Moderator Regulate s^d Meeting
2 To Chuse Town Officers for the Currant year
3 To Hear the Report of the Town Treasurer
4 To Grant Money to repair the Highways the Cuntyear
5 To Audit Town Debts ——
6 To See what they will allow for man & Team to work at Highways the Currant year and act thereon as they Shall think Proper ——
7 To See how the Town will Order the Schooling the Cuntyear
8 To See if the town will Suffer the Swine to Run at Large
9 To vote for County Treasurer ——
10 To See if the Town will Procure a Carriage to Carry the Dead to the Grave with — and a new funeral Cloath or act thereon as they Shall think Proper
11 To Hear the request of the Select Men of Upton Respecting Laying out roads from Grafton to Upton and act thereon as they Shall think Proper ——
12 To Dismiss the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit according to their request and Chuse another in their room or act thereon as they Shall think Proper

Here of fail not and make Due return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the Hour of said Meeting Given under our Hands & Seal this 17^th Day of Feb^y 1792

Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Jery^h Walker
Eleazer Leland
} Select Men of Grafton

Worcester ss

In Obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the Notable Inhabitants to meet at time & place as within Mentioned

Grafton March 5th 1792 Jos Whipple Const

The Town of Grafton being Met Pursuant to warning this 5th Day of March 1792 and Proceeded - by a vote Chose Dact. Joseph Wood Moderator

Voted to have 5 Select Men the Currant year

by Vote Chose (Dact. Jos. Wood
Eb.r Wadsworth
Nahum Stone
Benj.a Goddard Esq.r
& Benj.a Walker } Select Men

by a vote adjurned this Meeting for one hour at this place ——— Jos. Wood Mod.r

The Town being Met according to Adjournment and Proceeded by Vote Chose Capt. Jos. Whipple Town Treasurer Sworn

by Vote Chose Benj.a Walker Town Clerk - Sworn

Voted to have 3 Aspessors the Currant year

by Vote Chose David Wadsworth
Dact. Joseph Wood
& Benj.a Goddard Esq.r } Aspessors Sworn

Voted to have Two Constables the Currant year

by Vote Chose Daniel Warren } Sworn
& Benj.a Lathe } Constables Sworn

Voted to have Sythang Men the Currant year

by Vote Chose D[illegible] Stone } Sworn
& Thos. Axtell Jr } Sythingmen

Voted to have 7 Surveyers & Collectors of Highways

by Vote Chose Cyrley Batchellor } Sworn
Capt. Aaron Kimball } Sworn
Jorge Hall } Sworn
David Wadsworth Jr } Surveyers
Sim.n J. Garfield } & Collectors
Sim.n J. Sharman } Sworn
& Moses Adams } Sworn

Voted to have three fence viewers
by vote Chose Simf. Sharman Davd. Hayden & Simf. Hefter fence viewers
Voted to have 9 Hogreives
by vote Chose James Armstrong
Amaziah Haywood
Nathl. Robbins
Eph.m Goulding
John Bennett Junr
Asa Farmer
Moses Holbrook Jr.
Moses Rockwood
& Peter Pratt
Hogreives
by vote Chose Capt. Zebedee Brooks Sealer of Leather
by vote Chose Benj.a Walker Sealer of Lumber
by vote Chose Simf. Sharman & David Howe fire wards
by vote Chose Wm Brigham & Elijah Drury Wardens
by vote adjourned this Meting till the 12. of this Instant
March at 2 Oclock P.M. at the Meting House
Joseph Wood Moderator

Grafton March 12.th 1792 The Town being Met
According to Adjournment & Proceeded as follows
by vote Accepted the Report of the Treasurer
by Vote Granted £30 to repair Highways the
the Currant year
Voted to allow 3/ P. Day for Man & 1/6 for Oxen
& 9d for Cart to be worked by the last of Sept.r after
that time half price
by vote Chose 9 Committee Men to manage
the School the Currant year (viz.t)
Doct.r Wm Lamb
Lt. Noah B Kimbal
Lt. Ezekiel Brigham
Phinehas Leland
Eph.m Sharman Jr.
Sam.l Warren
Jonathan Warren
Sam.l Thurston
& Eph.m Goulding
Voted to let the Swine run at large the Currant year
23 votes for Saml. Allen for County Treasurer
& 4 for Nathan Gerrey

10 voted that the Select Men Sould Procure a 1765
Carriage to Carry the Dead to the Grave with
and a New funeral Cloath

12 voted to have a Committee of five Men
to hire Preaching & by vote Chose
Dear Joseph Merriam Esq
Mr James Whipple
Mr Simon Bruce
Andrew Adams
Doct. Joseph Wood Jr } for S. Com.

by adjurnd till the first Monday in April
at the Meting House 4 Oclock P. M.

Joseph Wood Mod.

April 2. 1792 The Town of Grafton being
Met according to Adjurnment and Proceed
by vote Reconsidered the vote for Granting
£ 30 to Repair Highways & voted £ 60 in room
Adjurnd to the Second Monday in May
Next at the Meeting House at 4 Oclock P. M.

Joseph Wood Mod.

May 14th 1792 The Town of Grafton Met
Pursuant to Adjournment and Dissolved

Jos Wood Mod.

Worcester ss

To Benj.a Lathe one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting — You are hereby Required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Notable Inhabitants of Said Grafton that are Qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor to Meet & Assemble at the Towns Meeting house in Said Grafton on Monday the 2. Day of April Inst at One O Clock P. M. then and there to Act on the following Articles (viz) —

To vote for Governor Lt. Governor & Senators as the Laws of this Commonwealth Direct.

Here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant to Some one of us at or before the Hour of Said Meeting Given under our Hands and Seal at Grafton this 15th Day of March 1792

Joseph Wood
Ebr Wadsworth
Nathan Stone
Benj.a Walker
Select Men of Grafton

In Obediance to the within warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants to Meet at time and place as Mentioned in the within warrant Grafton April 2. 1792.

Benj.a Lathe Constable

The Town of Grafton being Met Pursuant to warning this 2. Day of April 1792 and Proceeded (viz)

for Hon.ble John Hancock Esq.r 45 votes } for Governor
for Hon.ble Benj.a Lincoln Esq.r 1 vote
for Hon.ble Sam.l Phillips Esq.r 1 vote

for Hon.ble Sam.l Adams Esq.r 41 votes } for Lt. Governor
for Hon.ble Charles Jarvis Esq.r 1 vote
for Hon.ble David Cobb Esq.r 1 vote
for Hon.ble Azor Orne Esq.r 1 vote

for Jonathan Grout 29
for Martin Kinsley 28
for John Fessenden 27
for Jabez Sturtevant 27
for Abel Wilder 23
for Jeremiah Learned 18
for Benj.a Jewel 9
for Sam.l Fisher 8
for Jonathan Warner 8
for Moses Gill 6
for Dwight Foster Esquires 3

for Senators

Worcester ss (269) To Daniel Warren one of the
Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting —
You are hereby Required in the Name of the Com-
monwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the
Notable Inhabitants of said Grafton that are Qualified
by law to vote for Town Officers to meet and appear at
at the Towns Meeting House in said Grafton on monday
the 14th Day of May Instant at One Oclock P.M.
then and there to Act on the following Articles (viz)
1 to Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting
2 to See how the Town will Appropriate the Interest
of the Ben Money and act thereon as they Shall think Proper
3 To See if the Town will grant Money to Support by
the Poor or act thereon as they Shall think Proper
4 To See if the Town will imploy Some Person to mow
the Brush in the Burying yard or act thereon as
they Shall think Proper
5 to See if the Town will Imploy Some Person to
to mend the Pound or act thereon as they
Shall think Proper
6 To See if the Town will abate the rates of Jonas Brown
in the hands of James Whipple late Constable
or act thereon as they Shall think Proper
7 To hear the Petitions of Paul Wheelock & Abel
Wesson and others and act thereon as they Shall
think Proper
Hereof fail not and make Due return of this
warrant to Some of us at or before the hour of
Said Meeting Given under our hands and Seal
at Grafton aforesaid this 5th Day of May 1792

Joseph Wood
Benj.a Walker
Nahum Stone
Select Men
of
Grafton

In Obedience to the within warrant I have
Notified the Inhabitants of Grafton according to
the within Directions
Grafton May 14th 1792 Daniel Warren Constable

May 14th 1792 (267)

The Town of Grafton being met Pursuant to warning and Proceeded as follows (viz)

1 by vote Chose Col. Luke Drury Mod

2 voted to appropriate one years Interest of the Fees Notes to Supply the Deficit

3 Granted £60 to hire Preaching

4 voted that the Select Men Imploy some person to mow the Bruffs in the Burying yard twice a year

5 voted that the Select Men get the pound Repaired

6 Put to vote whether the town would abate the notes of Jonas Brown in the hands of James Whipple late Constable & Past in the affirmative

7 Past over this Article

Luke Drury Mod

Worcester ss

To Daniel Warren one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting — you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton that are Qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to Meet at the Town Meetinghouse in Grafton aforesaid on monday the 14th Day of this Instant May at 2 O Clock P. M. then and there to Elect one good and lawfull Man of said Town to Represent said Town in the Great & General Court to be Convened at Boston on the last wednesday of May Instant

Here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon To Some one of us at or before the Hour of said Meeting Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton aforesaid this 5th Day of May 1792

Joseph Wood
Benja Walker
Nahum Stone
} Select Men of Grafton

Worcester ss

In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of Grafton according to the within Direction

Grafton May 14th 1792 Dan'l Warren Constable

The Town of Grafton being Met Pursuant to warning and by vote Chose Col. Luke Drury to Represent them in the Great and General Court the Current year

Benja Walker Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Mr. Benj.a Lathe one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting — you are hereby Commanded in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton that are Qualified by law to vote for Town Officers to meet and assemble at the Town Meetinghouse in Grafton aforesaid on Monday the 27.th Day of Augt Instant at 2 O Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles (viz)

1 To Chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting
2 To hear the request of Mr. Ebenezer Wheeler & others Respecting Petioning the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to make some alterations to make some alteration through said Wheelers land or act thereon as they shall think Proper
3 To Grant Money for Schooling and other Town Charges the Current year
4 To Receive Town Debts

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant with your Doings to some one of us at or before the Hour of said Meeting Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton the Eighth Day of Augt 1792

Joseph Wood
Selectmen
Grafton

In Obedience to the within warrant I have warned as Directed in the within warrant

Augt 27.th 1792 Benj.a Lathe Constable

The Town of Grafton being Met Pursuant to warning this 27.th Day of Augt 1792 & Proceed viz

1 by vote Chose Dr. Joseph Wood Moder
2 Voted & Drew
3 voted to assess 35 for Schooling together with the Interest of the 6 p. Cent note & School land which is 61-10-5
voted 15 to be assessed for To Defray Town Charges together with the Order on Do 2 Pass
4 Accepted Dea. Merriam &c. Committee for Swearing 27-14-6
Accepted Dea. Batchellor & others Asst for Do 1-2-6
Accepted Dr. Grout Clerk for Doctoring Towns Swine 14-5

Worcester ss (269)

To Mr. Benj.a Lothe Constable for the Town of Grafton Greating — you are hereby in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify & warn all the votable Inhabitants of the Town of D.o Grafton to Meet and assemble at the Towns Meetinghouse in Said Grafton on Monday the 22.d Day of Aug.t Current at 3 O Clock P. M. then and there to Act on the following Artides (viz)

1 To Chuse a Moderator to regulate Said Meeting
2 To hear the Petetion of William Brigham and others for Petitioning the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to Make Some Alterations in the County Road lately Laid through the Town of Grafton or act thereon as they Shall think Proper —

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of Said Meeting Given under our Hands and Seal at Grafton this 24.th Day of Aug.t 1792

Joseph Wood
Benj.a Goddard
Benj.a Walker
} Select Men of Grafton

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the with in Inhabitants as mentioned in the within warrant Grafton Aug.t 27.th 1792
Benj.a Lothe Constable

Grafton 27.th Day of Aug.t 1792 —
The Town being Met Pursuent to warning and Proceeded (viz)

1 by vote Chose Doct.r Joseph Wood Moderator
2 Put to vote whether the town would Dismiss the 2.d Artide and Passed in the negative voted to Chuse a Committee of 3 Men to Petition the Court of Sessions for Some Alterations in the County Road through the Town of Grafton by vote Chose David Wadsworth
Nath.l Adams
Lt. Eleazer Leland
} for Said Com.tee

Joseph Wood Moderator

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting
you are hereby Required in the name of the Common
wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the
votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to assemble
at the Towns Meeting house in said Grafton on
Tuesday the 11th Day of Sept. Currant at 3 of the
Clock P.M then & there to act as follows (viz)

1 To Chuse a Moderator to regulate said Meeting
2 To hear the Petition of Isaiah Fairbanks & other
Respecting Licencing Some house in Town for
a Took house or act thereon as they Shall think fit
Hereof fail not and make Due return of
this warrant with your Doings thereon to Some
of us at or before said Meeting Given under
our hands and Seals at Grafton this Sixth
Day of Sept. 1792

Ebenezer Wadsworth
Joseph Wood
Benja. Goddard
Jahum Stone
} Select Men of Grafton

In obedience of the within warrant I have
warned the votable Inhabitants as the law Directs
Grafton Sept. 11 – 1792 Dan.l Warren Constable

The Town of Grafton being Met
Pursuant to warning this 11th Day of Sept. 1792
and Proceeded as follows (viz)

1 by vote Chose David Wadsworth Mod.r
2 Voted whether the Town would Instruct
the Select Men to Licence Some one house
in Town for a Took House and Voted in the Negt.

David Wadsworth Moderator

The intention of Marriage Betwixt Daniel Chase of Sutton & Martha Fletcher of Grafton made known December 29th 1781 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Zebulon Daniels and Sarah Brigham both of Grafton made known Feb 2d 1782 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Between David Temple of Marlboro and Rebekah Brooks of Grafton made known Feb 25th 1782 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage betwixt Thomas Jay of Westboro and Mime Garfield of Grafton Made known and Entered with me March 11. 1782 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage betwixt Major Harrington Junr and Hannah Prentice Both of Grafton made known about the 18th 1782 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Jonas Southgate of Leicester and Mary Whitney of Grafton made known June 8th 1782 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Hiram Hoar of Petersham and Lydia Brooks of Grafton made known Septr 6th 1782 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of marriage betwixt Jonathan Forbush & Sally Hayden Both of Grafton made known October 12th 1782 Benjamin Goddard Town Clerk

The above named Sally Hayden is a minor and published with consent of her father

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Isaiah Fairbanks and Mary Goodell Both of Grafton made known October 20 1782 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Noah B. Kimball and Molly Chase Both of Grafton made known Novr 22 1782 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Josiah Holbrook and Mary Sherman both of Grafton made known March 1 1783 Benja Goddard Town

The Intention of Marriage betwixt William Whitney & Rebecca Forbush both of Grafton made known and Entered May 24th 1783 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

~~Nov 17th 1783~~

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Nathanael Adams and Mary Harrington Both of Grafton made known May 17th 1783 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage betwixt Elijah Brooks and Mary Hale both of Grafton made known Sept 20th 1783 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Robert Taft Junr of Upton & Rhoda Rockwood of Grafton Entered Novr 18 1783 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Moses Marsh and Betty Lyon both of Grafton made known & Entered December 1 1783 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage betwixt Ezekiel Brigham Junr & Patience Gowing both of Grafton made known December 13th 1783 -- Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Hugh Mcnamara of Northbridge and Martha Sherman of Grafton made known Jan 10th 1784 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Ineriah Stearns of Woden & Lucy Roberts of Grafton made known Feb 27th 1784 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage betwixt Joel Brooks of Grafton & Lydia Baker of Peterham made known Feb 28th 1784 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Daniel Rice of Sutton & Anna Holbrook of Grafton made known may 26th 1784 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Amos Pierce & Molly Wesson both of Grafton Gore made known August 28th 1784 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Benja Clark of Franklin and Esther Jones of Grafton made known September 30th 1784 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt John Wesson of Grafton Gore & Mahitabel Eliot of Graf made known Novr 19th 1784 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Samuel Williams
and Prudence Rawson both of Grafton made
known Feby 20th 1785. Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt William Taylor Jun of
of Buckland and Azubah Rockwood of this Town
made known march 9th 1785 B Goddard Town Clk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Ajahl Kimball
of Grafton & Jemutha Eliot of Sutton made known
the fifth Day of april AD 1785 B Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Solomon Goodell
of Grafton & Abigail Clemmon of Northbridge
made known the 30th day of april 1785
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

on the 16th day of may following Phebe the Late
pretended wife of the aforesaid Solomon Goodell appeared
and forbid the Banns of Matrimony Betwixt Solomon
and Abigail attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Samuel Adams and
Elisabeth Temple Both of Grafton made known this
third day of June AD 1785 attest Benja Goddard Town Clk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt David Hyde
of Grafton & Sarah Temple of upton made
known the 18th Day of augut AD 1785
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Philip Borton of
and Sarah Burnee Both of Grafton made known
the 14th day of Sept AD 1785 Benja Goddard Town Clk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Jamis H Miller and Lucy
Pratt both of Grafton made known Decmbr 2d 1785
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Isaac
Brigham of Grafton & Betsy Frost of Milford
made known Janr 8th 1786 B Goddard Town Clk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Moses Adams
and Elisabeth Whipple both of Grafton made
known Janr 7th 1786 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage betwixt Benja Roberts
and Ruth Price both of Grafton made known
March 5th 1786 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt George
Smith and Polly Axtell both of Grafton made
known april 5th 1786 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage betwixt John Cody Pratt
and Anna Wheeler both of Grafton made known
April 22d 1786 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Daniel Warrin of upton and Sally Batchellor of Grafton Entered with me July 7th 1786
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage betwixt Asa Lathe of Grafton and Priscilla Hawson of Uxbridge made known & Entered with me July 1 1786
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Joshua Leland and Thankful Sherman Both of Grafton made known July 15th 1786
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt William Wood and Phebe Goulding Both of Grafton made known July 29th 1786 Benja Goddard T Clk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Jonas Brown Junr of Grafton & Hannah Brown of Sutton made known September 16th 1786.
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Jeremiah Batchellor of Grafton & Lydia Prentiss of Hopkinton made known & Entered this 4th day of October 1786 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Ezra Wheelock of Grafton Joyner & Vashti Putnam of Grafton made known the fourth day of November 1786
Benja Goddard Town Clk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Josiah Holbrook of Sutton & Anna Sherman of Grafton made known this 25th day of November 1786
Benja Goddard Town Clk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Simon Brown and Sarah Whipple the 2d Both of Grafton made known and Entered with me this 2d of Dec 1786
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Joseph Batchellor Junr of Grafton and Sally Goshet of Hopkinton Entered with me this 17th of Feb 1787 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Jacob Miller of Westborough & Thebe Grover of Grafton
intend marriage Entered this 12th Day of april 1787
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Isaac Johns and
Abiah Samson Both of Grafton made known the
26th day of September 1787 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage betwixt John Hewston
of Westborough and Elisabeth Wood of Grafton made
known & Entered with me the 13th of October 1787
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Roberties Flagg
Anna Batchellor junr Both of Grafton made known
the 13th day of October 1787 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Amos Davis of
Grafton and Ruth Hale of Boilston made known
the 17th day of November 1787 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Timothy Thurston and
Peggy Hale Both of Grafton made known the 17th
day of Novemr 1787 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Warren

Intention of marriage Betwixt Jonathan
and Sarah Brintnal Both of Grafton made
known the 14th day of December 1787
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Ebenezer Cutler jun
of Grafton and Elisabeth Brown of Brookline made
known the 2d day of Febr 1788
B Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Gardner Wheler and
Elisabeth Drury Both of Grafton made known the
23d day of Febr 1788 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage betwixt Charles Gay
& Deborah Lyon both of Grafton made known &
Entered this 14th day of may 1788
attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Joel Gay &
Anna Harrington junr Both of Grafton made
known the third day of august 1788
attest B Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Samuel Wood and
Elisabeth Kimball Both of Grafton made known
the 30th day of Sept 1788 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

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The Intention of marriage betwixt Solomon Allen & Ruth Putnam both Resident at Grafton Gore made known this 8 day of Nov. A.D. 1788 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Jacob Heminway of Bridport in the State of Vermont and Sarah Sadler of Grafton made known this 3d day of December A.D. 1788 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Ephraim Brook of Grafton and Sarah Horbush of upton made known the third day of January A.D. 1789 attest B Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Ephraim Harrington & Prudence Leland both of Grafton made known this 24th day of Jan.y 1789 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Moses Perham of upton & Elizabeth Cutler of this Town made known the 24th day of Jan.y 1789 attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Caleb Leland and Lakin Willard Both of Grafton made known the Sixth day of Feb.y 1789 attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Amos Ellis and Thadeil Thurston Both of this Town made known the 14th of Feb.y 1789 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Simeon Keith and Olive Pond both of this Town made known the 28th day of Feb.y 1789 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Aaron Brook of Grafton & Sarah Grout of Peterham made known the 20th day of Feb.y 1789 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt John Richardson of this Town and Abigail Haven of Hopkinton made known this Sixth day of march 1789 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Silas Forbush of this Town & Rhoda Fish of Upton made known the 12th day of march 1789 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Daniel Grout and Azubah Rockwood both of Grafton made known this 13th day of Decem. 1788 attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Timothy Garfield of this Town & Eunice Pond of Franklin made known this Sixth day of april 1789 attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Ephraim Herman Junr of Grafton & Remember Cook of Smithfield made known the 9th day of may 1789 attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt David Wadsworth Junr & Virtue Willard Both of Grafton made known the Seventh day of august 1789 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt William Deming of Cornish Cheshire & State of New-Hampshire & Sally Hall of Grafton were made known the 28th day of October 1789 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Samuel Jennison Junr of Shrewsbury & Sarah Drury of Grafton made known the 21 day of Novr 1789 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Peter Richardson of Grafton & Phebe Baley of Berlin is made known to me the Second day of January 1790 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Barnard Eager and Marcy Batchelor Both of Grafton made known the 4th day of Janr 1790 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Elias Kimball of Westborough & Anna Gibson of Grafton made known the Sixth day of Febr 1790 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Willard Harrington of Conway & Elizabeth Putnam of Grafton made known the 18th day of march 1790 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Jonathan Wadsworth & Tabitha Warren both of this Town made known april 9th 1790 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Joseph Nurse of Westborough and Hannah Davis of Grafton made known may 15 1790 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Between Ezekiel Dodge Wheeler & Lucretia Thurston has been Entered with me & Made Known Both of Grafton ——

Grafton June 3. 1792 Benj.a Walker Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Between Jonathan Stone Jr. of Ward & Salley Hall of Grafton hath been Made Known June 3. 1792 ——

Benj.a Walker Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage between Jacob Bost Resident of Grafton and Polly L. Gram of Grafton hath been Made Known July 3.d 1792 —

Benj.a Walker Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage between Oliver Whipple & Betsey Hastham both of Grafton hath been Made Known Augt. 19.th 1792

Benj.a Walker Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage between Levis Witherbee and Huldah Wesson both of Grafton Gore made Known Augt. 27.th 1792

Benj.a Walker Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage between Mr. Ithamar Stone & Mrs. Salley Temple both of Grafton hath been Made Known Sept.r 24.th 1792

Benj.a Walker Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage between Mr. James Whipple Jr. and Mrs. Salley Merriam both of Grafton hath been Made Known Oct.r 21.st 1792

Benj.a Walker Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage between Mr. Nath.l Wood and Mrs. Lavina Hayden both of Grafton hath been Made Known Oct.r 28.th 1792

Benj.a Walker Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage between Mr. Layman Stanford & Mrs. Betsy Bibarto both of Grafton hath been Made Known Dec.r 9.th 1792

Benj.a Walker Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Between Mr. Jonas Foster of Grafton and Mrs. Cynthia Adams of Northbridge hath been Made Known
Grafton Dec. 30th 1792 — Benja Walker Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Between Mr. Benja Batchellor of Grafton and Mrs. Patty Witherbee of Shrewsbury hath been Made Known Grafton Feby 5th 1793
Benja Walker Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Between Josephus Willard & Lucy Wadsworth Both of Grafton made known & Entered the 13th of March 1793 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Israel Goulding & Lucy Drury Both of Grafton made known the 17th day of March 1793 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Between Elisha Warrin of New-Braintree & Eunice Whipple of Grafton made known the 19th day of March 1793
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

~~The Intention of marriage~~ The Intention of marriage betwixt John Whipple Jun & Lucy How both of Grafton made known & Entered with me the 25th day of April 1793 B Goddard T Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Gardner Parker & Asenith Fisher both of Grafton made known the fifth day of may 1793 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Between Stephen Barns of Marlborough & Betsy Park of Grafton made known and Entered with me the Seventh day of may 1793
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Aaron How and Anna Clerk Both of Grafton made known the 11th day of May A.D. 1793 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Amos Batchellor of Grafton & Susannah Baker of upton made known the 6th day of July 1793 B Goddard T Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Leonard Kimball of Grafton and Patty Beard of Worcester made known the second day of august 1793
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Thadeus Whipple and Elisabeth Stow both of Grafton made known the 30th day of august 1793 Benja Goddard Town Clk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Reuben Cummings of Grafton & Louis Wood of Northbridge ~~&~~ made known 27th day of October 1793 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Zebedee Redding and Sally Harrington both of this Town made known the 7th day of November 1793 Benja Goddard T Clk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Aaron Harrington & Esther Pond Both of Grafton made known and Entered with me the 9th day of Novr 1793 Benja Goddard Town Clk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Linus Legg of Grafton & Beulah Clerk of Sterling made known the tenth day of Novr 1793 Benja Goddard Town Clk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Simeon Putnam of Charlton and Patty Batchiller of Grafton made known the 26th day of November 1793 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Thomas Downing and Patty Bixby both of Grafton made known the Eighteenth day of Janr 1794 Benja Goddard T Clk

The Intention of marriage betwixt John Goold of Sutton & Ruth D Prentice of Grafton made known the 15th day of march 1794 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Marton Smith of Shrewsbury & Polly Harrington of Grafton made known the 18th day of April 1794 Benja Goddard Town Clk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Joseph Merriam 3d of Grafton & Sally Witherby of Shrewsbury made known April 22d 1794 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt John Gage & Betsy A Brick both of grafton made known & Entered the fifth day of July 1794 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage betwixt Ephraim Wiley of Westboro and Katherine Whitney of Grafton made known & Entered the 26th day of ~~July~~ April 1794 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Jonathan Howard Jun of Upton & Lucina Fisher of grafton made known the 18th day of Oct 1794 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

See back of Book page 376

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting
you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn all the Constables Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid that are Qualified by law to vote for Representatives to meet and assemble at the Meeting House in Grafton at Two O'Clock P.M. on the Second Day of Novr. Next then and there to Act on the following Articles —— (viz)

To vote for Representatives to Congress and Electors for the Second District according to a late Resolve of the General Court of this Commonwealth.

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the Hour of said Meeting Given under our hand and Seal at Grafton this 10th Day of Octr 1792 —

Joseph Woods
Ebenezer Wadsworth
Benja Goddard
Asahel Stone
Benja Walker
} Select Men of Grafton

Worcester ss

In obedience to this warrant I have Notified and warned the Inhabitants of Grafton that are Qualified by law to vote for Representatives to meet at the time and place set forth in the within warrant —

Grafton Octr 23. 1792 — Benja Lathe Constable for Grafton

Novr 2. 1792 The Town of Grafton Met Pursuant to warning and proceeded (viz) for Representatives to Congress

34 votes for Honll John Coffin Jones for the three Districts
1 Do — for Honll Nathl Goram Do —

34 Do for Honll Saml Lyman for the 2. District
1 Do for Daught Foster for Do

34 Do for Honll William Layman for the County of Worcester
1 Do for Honll Saml Layman for Do

22 Do for Honll Jonathan Grout for the County of Worcester
11 Do for Honll Asaiah Ward for Do
1 Do for Elijh Brigham Esqr for Do

35 Do for Honll Theodore Sedgwick for the County of Berkshire

Town Clerk

1792

For Electors

9 votes for Hon.d David Sinead & Sam.l Fowler Esq.rs
Each for the County of Hampshire

~~9 votes for Hon.d~~

9 votes for Sam.l Flagg & Martin Kinsley Esq.rs
Each for the County of Worcester

9 votes for Thompson J. Skinner Esq.r for the
County of Berkshire

Benj.a Walker Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton
in said County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mas=
=sachusetts you are hereby Required to Notify and warn
all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton aforesaid to Meet
and Assemble at the Towns Meeting House in said
Grafton on friday the Second Day of November
Next at 3 O'Clock P. M. then and there
to Act on the following Articles (Viz)

1 To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting
2 To hear the Petition of Capt. Jonathan Wheeler
and others Requesting a Post Road to be Provided
in Grafton for Innoculating for the Small
Pox or Act thereon as they Shall think Proper
3 To See if whether the Town would have the Road
by Will.m Brigham Continued a County
Road or act thereon as they Shall think Proper

Hereof fail not and make returns of
this warrant with your Doings thereon
to Some one of us at or before the Hour of
said Meeting given under our Hands and Seal
Grafton this 26 Day of Oct.r 1792

Joseph Wood
Benj.a Goddard
Ebenezer Wadsworth
Nathan Moore

Select Men
of
Grafton

(1792)

Worcester ss

In Obediance to the within warrant I have warned and Notified all the votable Inhabitants as the Law Directs for me

Grafton Nov. 2. 1792 Benj. Warren Constable —

The Town being Met Pursuant to warning this 2. Day of Nov. 1792 and Proceded (viz.)

1. by vote Chose Joseph Wood Esq. Moderator

2 Put to vote to See whether the Town would Order the Select Men to Licence Some House in Town for a Tavern House and Past in the Negative

3 voted to have the Road by William Brighams Continued a County Road

Joseph Wood Moderator

Worcester ss To Benj.a Lathe Constable for the Town of Grafton — Greting you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton that are Qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to meet and assemble at the Town Meeting House in Grafton on Monday the fourteenth Day of Jan.y next at One Oclock P. M. then and there to act on the following Article (viz.) To vote for Representatives to Congress for the Second District agreable to a Precept from the Governour of this Commonwealth

Hereof fail not and Make Due Return of this warrant to some one of us with your doings thereon at or before the Hour of Said Meeting Given under our Hands and Seal at Grafton this 26th Day of Dec.r 1792 —

Benj.a Goodenow
Joseph Wood
Eben.r Kadwell
Benj.a Walker
} Select Men of Grafton

In obedience to this within warrant I have Done as is Set forth therein Grafton Jan.y 12th — 1793 Benj.a Lathe Constable

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Met Pursuant to warning this 14th Day of Jan.y 1793 and Proceeded as follows (viz.)

23 votes for Dwight Foster Esq.r for District
2. Do for Jon.a Gorvet Esq.r for Do —
23 votes for Sam.l Lyman Esq.r for Hampshire
2. Do for Wm Lyman Esq.r for Do

Benj.a Walker Town Clerk

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Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts to notify all the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in the Choice of Town officers to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on monday the fourth day of march next at Eight of the Clock in the fore noon then & there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator to Regulate said meeting
2 To Chuse Town officers the Currant year
3 To see how the Town will order the Schooling the Currant year
4 To hear & accept the report of the Town Treasurer if they see cause
5 To Grant money to repair highways the Currant year and see what they will allow pr day for man & team to work
6 To accept Town Debts
7 To see if the Town will Suffer the Swine to run at Large the Currant year
8 To Bring in their votes for a County Treasurer
9 To abate the Rate assess'd on William Sibley in the hands of Capt. Joseph Whipple Late Constable
10 To abate the minister rate assess'd on Joshua Slocom in the hands of Capt. Jos. Whipple Late Constable
11 To hear the petition of Daniel Hayden & others for Enlarging their Squadron for Schooling and act thereon as they shall think proper
12 To accept of a List of Jury or act thereon as they shall think proper
13 To abate the rate which remain unpaid of Jones Brown in the hands of Abner Stow Late Constable or act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting — Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this fifteenth day of February A D 1793

Joseph Wood
Benja Goddard
Ebenezer Wadsworth
Nahum Stone
Benja Walker
} Select men of Grafton

Return as follows viz
Worcester ss In obedience I have warned as mentioned in the within warrant
Grafton march 4 1793
Daniel Warrin Const

March 4th 1793 The Town (275) of Grafton met pursuant
to warning & proceeded as follows - viz -
1 By vote Chose Joseph Wood Esq moderator
2 By vote Chose Benja Goddard Town Clerk sworn
voted to have five Select men
By a vote Chose Joseph Wood Esq
David Wadsworth
Hahem Stone
Eleazer Leland
& Noah B Kimball } Select men
By a vote Chose Capt Joseph Whipple Town Treasurer
voted to have three assessors (sworn
Chose David Wadsworth
Joseph Wood
& Benja Goddard } assessors all sworn
By a vote adjourn'd for one hour to the meetinghouse
According to adjournment the Town met and pro-
ceeded to Business ——— Joseph Wood moderator
voted to have two Constables
By vote Chose Zebedee Redding
& Daniel Hayden } Const.
voted to Chuse the rest of the Town officers by hand vote
voted to have three Tythingmen
By vote Chose Jonathan Warrin
Peter Pratt
Joseph Merian Jr. } Tythingmen
voted to have seven Surveyors & Collectors of highway Rates
By vote Chose Samuel Adams
Moses Rockwood sworn
Eph.m Sherman Jr.
Ebin.r Leland sworn
Daniel Rand
Noah B Kimball
& Samuel Warrin } Surveyors & Collectors of highway rates
voted to have three fence viewers
By vote Chose Timothy Sherman
John Pratt sworn
& Joseph Warrin } fence viewers
voted to have seven hogreives
By vote Chose Ithamer Stow
Oliver Whipple
James Whipple Jr.
Ezekiel D Wheeler
Aaron Harrington
Benja Batchelor Jun.r
Jos. Willard Jr. } Hogreives
By a vote Chose Royal Keith Sealer of Leather
By a vote Chose Capt Aaron Kimball Sealer of Lumber
voted to have two fine wards
By vote Chose Jon.a Wheeler
& Elijah Stanton } fine wards sworn

4 By a vote accepted the report of the Town Treasurer which is as follows viz ——

Feb^{r} 28th 1793 Then Reckoned & Settled with the Treasurer and find in the Treasury £ 157-4-6 Exclusive of the new notes which Lay as Last year the principle Except £ 18-14-10-3 paid in as Interest which we have Reckoned and Charged the Treasurer with and Likewise the notes for the School land which the principle Lays in the Treasury But the Interest Reckon^{d} up to march 1792 and Charged to the Treasurer and one note against Manoah Drury and one note against Jonathan Fairbush of £ 10-16 and one note against Lt Moses Hayden and one note against Joseph Willard and one State note on which is yet Due £ 9-13-4 and Likewise the six per cent note of 640 Dollars & 28 cents and a Defined note of 320 Dollars & 14 Cents that the Old Continental money was Sadfor^{d} the Interest of the six per cent note is Settled up to January Last and Charged to the Treasurer we Likewise find in the Treasury Due from the Back Collectors of highways not Settled up £ 81-5-0-3

Errors Excepted Joseph Whipple Town Treasurer

Joseph Wood
Benja Goddard
Ebenezer Wadsworth
Hahum Stone
} Select men for Grafton

5 By a vote Granted £ 80 to repair highways the Currant year ——

voted to allow a man four pence p^{r} hour for work at highways the Carrent year and two pence per hour for oxen & one penny per hour for a cart said work to be done any time betwixt the Twentieth of may & the first of october

3 voted to Chuse nine men as a Committee to manage the School the Currant year

By vote Chose Francis Barns
Ol Luke Drury
Lt Zebulon Daniels
Eleazer Leland
James Whipple
John Pratt
James H Miller
Ebenezer Wadsworth
& John Thurston
} School Com^{t} ——

By a vote adjourn^{d} this meeting to monday the Eleventh day of this Instant march at one of the Clock P M to the meeting house Joseph Wood Moderator

March 11 1793 the Town of Grafton being met pursuant to adjornment and proceeded as follows viz 7th put to vote whether the Swine shall be suffered to run at large the ensuing year and it past in the affirmative

8 Brought in Eighteen votes for Samuel Allen County Treasurer

9 By a vote the Town abated the rates of William Sibley in the hands of Joseph Whipple Late Constable

10 put to vote whether the town will abate the Minister rate of Joshua Bloom in the hands of Joseph Whipple Late Constable and it past in the Negative

11th voted to Enlarge the George Hill Squadron so called agreeable to the petition of Daniel Hayden & others for their benefit of Schooling

By a vote Set off Deacon Jonathan Stow David Forbush & wd Abigail Daniels to the George hill Squadron

12 By a vote accepted a List of Jurey which list is as follows viz Luke Drury Derby Batchellor Joseph Meriam Junr David Wadsworth Joseph Whipple Jona Wheeler Nahum Stone William Brigham Phinehas Leland Eleazer Leland Nathl Adams Daniel Warrin Joseph Wood Jasr Noah B Kimball Moses Hayden John Thurston Ezekiel Brigham John Whipple Simon Bruce Andrew Adams Samuel Adams Benja Lathe David Hayden Jonny Wheeler Samuel Flagg Moses Sherman Timothy Meriam David Wadsworth Jr David W Leland Ephm Goulding Elijah Brooks Moses Holbrook Jr Joshua Goulding Jona Forbush Isaiah Fairbanks John Pratt Franey Barny Jona Warrin Samuel Wood Ephm Sherman Junr Moses Adams & Aaron Hall

Voted that the ten first names above mentioned Shall be put into the Supreme Box

13 By a vote abated all the rates of Jonas Brown which remain unpaid in the hands of Abner Stow Late Constable

By a vote adjornd this meeting for half an hour

Jos. Wood Moderator

According to adjornment the town being met proceeded to accept Town Debts

By a vote accepted an account brot in by David Wadsworth & other a Cont. Chosen to oppose the acceptance of the report of the Comtee Con for Laying a road through Grafton £1-5-6

accepted Joseph Whipples act for keeping the Swine 1-10-0

accepted Elijah Brucs act for taking care of the meeting house Last year 0-10-0

Accepted of Joseph Woods act for taking the Valuation & making rate the year past 14 days 2-2-0

accepted David Wadsworths act for the same Service 2-2-0

Accepted Benja Goddards act for the same 7 (fourteen days Each) 2-2-0

By a vote the Town accepted of Simon Bruce to serve Constable for the whole town in the room of Capt Jedidiah Redding & Daniel Hayden Sworn By a vote adjorned this meeting to the first day of april next at 4 oClock PM Joseph Wood Modr

April 1 1793 The Town Being met according to adjornment and by a vote adjornd to the 2d monday of may next at 2 oClock afternoon to the meeting house

Joseph Wood Moderator

May 13 1793 The Town met according to adjornment and accepted of the fallowing accounts viz

accepted of a bill brought in by Joseph Merriam Junr & others a Committee for Supplying the Desk twenty five Sabbaths at £1-4-0 pr Day Sum total ——— £30-0-0

and for Boarding the preacher 3d term 7/6 pr week 5-18-0

accepted John Whipples Bill for Interest money p for preaching 0-8-8

Then by vote Dejorned the meeting Joseph Wood Modr

Worcester ss To Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the votable Inhabitants in Grafton aforesaid qualified as the Law directs to vote for Town officers to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on monday the Twenty fifth day of march Instant at 3 oClock afternoon then & there to act on the fallowing articles (viz)

1st To Chuse a moderator to Regulate said meeting

2d To hear the petition of Ebenezer Wheeler & others and act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before hour of meeting Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 22d day of March A 1793

Joseph Wood
Hahum Stone
Noah B Kimball } Select men for Grafton

Worcester ss pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Grafton Qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Grafton 25th march 1793 Simon Bruce Constt of Grafton

At a town meeting Legally assembled in Grafton on the 25th March 1793 The Town proceed as fallows (viz) —

1st By a vote made Choice of Joseph Wood Modr to Regulate said meeting

2d By a vote made Choice of Simon Bruce Clerk for this meeting voted to have a Comt. of three men to petition the Court of Sessions for an alteration in the County road through Mr —

Ebenezer Wheelers Land agreable to the petition
which is as fallows (viz)

To the Seled men of Grafton Gent. — —
your petitioners think it a great Burden on the Town
as well as a Damage to Individuals the Laying out a
new County road through Ebenezer Wheelers Land where
it is now accepted by the Court of General Sessions
and as it would be Left Cost to the Town and Better
for the Publick in General to have the road Go
Between Wheelers house & Barn and be Suitably
widned in the Lane from thence to Capt. Reads we
pray you to Call a Town meeting as Soon as may be
to See if the Inhabitants of the Town will petition the
Court of General Sessions of the County to Send a new
Committee to view the road and you will oblige yours
&c &c — Ebenezer Wheeler
Thadeus Reed
Sylvenus Morse
Jerby Batchellor
Benja Latta
James Wheeler
Nath Adams

By a vote made Choice of Benja Goddard John Pratt
and Shelomith Stow for Committee
Joseph Wood Moderator
Test Simon Bruce Clerk for Sd meeting

The above minutes taken & Returned to be recorded
attest B Goddard Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby Required to notify & Warn all the
Inhabitants of Grafton aforesaid Qualified as the Law
Directs to vote for Representative to meet at the towns
meetinghouse in Said Grafton on monday the first day of
april next at one of the Clock afternoon to Bring
in their votes for Governor Lt. Govern & Senators
Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant
with your doings unto Some one of us at or before
the hour of Said meeting Given under our hands
and Seal at Grafton this Eleventh day of march
AD 1793 — Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Nahum Stone
Eleazer Leland
Noah B Kimball
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss
Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned
the Inhabitants qualified as therein Expressed to meet at
the time & place and for the purpose therein mentioned
Grafton 28 march 1793 Simon Bruce } Const for Grafton

April 1 1793 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to Warning & proceeded to vote for Governor Lt Governor and Senators and Brought in their votes as Followeth (viz)

For his Excellency John Hancock Esq for Governor 47
For Hon: Samuel Philips Esq Do ——— 1
For Hon: Samuel Adams Esq for Lt Governor — 46
For Hon: Elbridge Gerry Esq Do ——— 1

For Senators as follows viz

For the Hon: Moses Gill Esq ——— 44
For Hon: Jonathan Grout Esq ——— 27
For Hon: Samuel Baker Esq ——— 18
For Hon: Jonathan Warner Esq ——— 35
For Samuel Flagg Esq ——— 20
For Josiah Stearns Esq ——— 26
For Hon: Timothy Newell Esq ——— 20
For Hon: John Defender Esq ——— 14
For Marten Kingsley Esq ——— 5
For Elijah Brigham Esq ——— 22
For Hon: Seth Washburn Esq ——— 1

David Wadsworth
Eleazer Leland
Nahum Stone
Noah B Kimball
} Select men of Grafton

April 1 1793 Pursuant to a Warrant from the Town Clerk
Worcester ss At a Legal meeting of the Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Called for the purpose of Concuring with the Church in their Choice of a Committee for Supplying the pulpit the Town after hearing & Considering said article in the warrant by a vote Dismissed the ~~this~~ article and Voted and the meeting attested By Joseph Wood Moderator of Mee.

Worcester ss To Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton Greating In the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Directed to notify & Warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid Qualified to vote for Representatives to meet & assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in s^d Grafton on monday the first day of april next at four of the Clock afternoon then & there to Bring in their votes for Representatives to Congress viz one for the District at Large and one for the County of Hampshire — Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon at or before the hour of Meeting — Given under our hand and Seal at Grafton this 25th day of march A D 1793

Joseph Wood
Nahum Stone
Noah B Kimball
David Wadsworth
} Select men of Grafton

Worcester ss
Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of s^d Town Qualified as therein Express'd to meet at the time & place and for the purpose therein mentioned
Grafton 26th march 1793 Simon Bruce } Constable for Grafton

April 1. 1793 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & Brought in their votes as follows viz ———

For Dwight Foster Esq for the District at Large 26
For Samuel Lyman Esq ——— 3
For William Lyman Esq for the County of Hampshire — 8
For Samuel [illegible]yman Esq ——— 19 ——

Worcester ss

Hahum Stone
Eleazer Leland
Noah B Kimball
Selectmen for Grafton

To Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton — Greeting
In the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required to notify & warn all the Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid qualified as the Law Directs to vote for Town officers to meet & assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in sd Grafton on friday the 12th day of april Instant at 4 oClock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To Chuse a moderator to Regulate said Meeting ——
2 To See what Method the Town will take to supply the pulpit and act thereon as they shall think prosper

Hereof fail not & make Due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon at or before the hour of sd meeting Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Eighth day of april A D 1793

Joseph Wood
Hahum Stone
Noah B Kimball
Selectmen for Grafton

Worcesterss pursuant to this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town Qualified therein as Expressd. to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentiond Grafton 12 april 1793 Simon Bruce Constable ——

April 12 1793 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows (viz) ——

1 By a vote Chose Capt Zebedee Redding Moderator for said Meeting
2 Voted to have a Committee of five men to supply the pulpit By vote Chose Jona. Hayden Amos Davis Deac Jona. Stow Jona Warrin and Timothy Meriam for sd Committe — Zebedee Redding Moderator

Worcesterss To Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton
You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet & assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in sd Grafton on monday the 13th day of may next at two of the Clock in the afternoon then & there to Chuse one Good & Lawful man to Represent the sd Town of Grafton in the General Court the present year

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of sd

Given under our hands & Seal this 22 day of April A.D. 1793

Joseph Wood
Hoah B Kimball
David Wadsworth
Hahum Stone
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcesterss Grafton may 11th 1793 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Simon Bruce Constt. of Grafton

May 13th 1793 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and made choice of Col. Luke Drury to Represent said Town at the Gen. Court the Current year

attest Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Eleazer Leland
Hahum Stone
Hoah B. Kimball
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcesterss To Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify & warn all the voteable Inhabitants of Grafton aforesaid Qualified by Law to vote for Town officers to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on Monday the 13th Day of may next at three of the Clock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles Viz

1 To choose a moderator to Regulate said Meeting
2 To see what the Town will do Concerning warning out part of all those that have not been in Town Twenty years or upwards or act thereon as they shall think proper
3 To see if the Town will hire any person or persons to make the new County road which is Laid by the Court Cont. or any part of the way or act thereon as they shall think proper
4 To see if the Town will set off Peter Salter from the School Squadron where he now belongs and set him to the Mill Squadron so called ——— Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant & your doings thereon unto some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hand & Seal this 22d day of April A.D. 1793

Joseph Wood
Hoah B Kimball
David Wadsworth
Hahum Stone
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcesterss Grafton may 11 1793 pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Simon Bruce } Constable of Grafton

May 13th 1793 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1 By a vote Chose Joseph Wood Moderator

2 Put to vote whether the Town will order the Select men to have any of the Inhabitants of Grafton warned out of Town and it pass'd in the affirmative

Then voted to have all warned out of Town who have not been in town Twenty six days

3 put to vote whether the Town will Lett out any part of the new County road to be made and it passed in the negative

4 By a vote Lett off Peter Salter from the Squadron for Schooling where he now belongs to the mill Squadron so called — Joseph Wood Moderator

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Worcester ss To Mr Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the voteable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid Qualified by Law to vote for town officers to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in s[aid] Grafton on monday the ninth day of Sept next at two of the Clock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator to regulate s[aid] meeting

2 To Grant money to Defray Town Charges the Currant year

3 To accept Town Debts

4 To Grant money to supply the pulpit or act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting — —

Given under our hands & seal at Grafton this 22d day of august A. 1793

Joseph Wood
Nahum Stone
Eleazer Lelard
Noah B Kimball
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss Sept 9th 1793 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of s[aid] Grafton qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned.

Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton

Sept 9th 1793 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as followeth viz

1 By vote Chose Joseph Wood Esq moderator

2 By vote Granted £ 40 Exclusive of the Interest of School land money for Schooling —

Turn over

voted to appropriate the Interest Due on the Six per cent note for Schooling the Current year
By vote Granted £40 to pay other town Charges
voted to appropriate the Last & present years Interest on the pew notes for Supplying the pulpit
the present years Interest being Due the last of november next
3 proceeded to accept town Debts

By vote accepted of three accts of Jona Hayden and others a Committee for Supplying the pulpit as follows viz one for Engaging Mr Nathaniel Hall Eight days and Mr Jona Grant one day ——— £12-0-0
one for Dean Jona Stow Boarding Candidate at 7/6 pr week ——— 2-7-6
The other Supplying the pulpit by Mr Huntington Seven Sabbaths at ——— 8-8-0

Joseph Wood Modr

We the Subscribers being appointed to perambulate the Line & renew the Bounds between our respective towns (viz) Shrewsbury & Grafton have attended to Service & report as follows - Beginning at a white oak tree on Westborough line then to a heap of Stones then to a white oak tree then a heap of Stones then another heap of Stones then another heap of Stones then other heap of Stones then another heap of Stones then a white oak tree then a heap of Stones then a Gray oak tree then a red oak tree then a heap of Stones then another heap of Stones then a pine tree then a walnut tree then a red oak tree then a Stake at the Southeast Corner of Thomas Knowltons Meadow then a white oak tree then a heap of Stones then another heap of Stones then another heap of Stones then a white oak tree then a heap of Stones then a Stake & Stones then a red oak tree then a heap of Stones then a heap of Stones then to a heap of Stones by the Side of the Meadow then to a maple tree by the River

April 6th 1793

Nahum Stone, Noah B Kimball } Select men of Grafton
Isaac Harrington, Thomas Knowlton } Select men of Shrewsbury

Grafton May 27th 1793 We the Subscribers Being appointed a Committee from the Town of Westborough & Grafton have this day met to perambulate and renew the Bounds between the two towns and have proceeded & Completed the Business in manner as followeth (viz) Beginning at the Corner at Shrewsbury line at a Large white oak tree mark.

Thence Easterly to a large Gray oak tree mark.
Thence Southwesterly to a heap of Stones near ye County road
Thence Southerly to a heap of Stones
Thence Southeasterly to a heap of Stones
Thence Easterly a Cross Wild cat Swamp to a heap of Stones
Thence Easterly to a heap of Stones on the hill
Thence Easterly to a heap of Stones N.E. Corner of Grafton
Then Southerly & Crossing the Great road to a heap of Stones on a rock
Then Southerly to a heap of Stones by a Town way
Then Southerly by said way to walnut tree mark.
But the Com.t of Grafton Did not Consent to runn it
Thence Southerly to a heap of Stones
Thence Southerly to another heap of Stones
Thence still Southerly from one heap of Stones to another till it Comes to a heap of Stones at a Corner at Upton line

Nathan Fisher } Com.t
Jon.a Forbes } of Westb.o

Noah B Kimball } Grafton
Nahum Stone } Com.t

Sutton Nov.r 30th 1793 Agreable to appointment We the Subscribers have met & have perambulated and renewed the Bounds betwixt Sutton and Grafton & Grafton

Asa Goodell } Selectman of Sutton

David Wadsworth } Selectmen
Eleazer Leland } of Grafton

Worcester ss To Simon Brue Constable for Grafton
You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mapachusetts to notify & warn all the votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for Town officers to meet & assemble at the town meeting house in said Grafton on monday the Twenty fifth day of November Instant at one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles (viz)
1st To Chuse a moderator to regulate said meeting
2d To grant money to pay those that the Court have allowed Damages on account of the Road Going through their land in said Town or act thereon as they shall think proper
3d To hear the Report of the Committee for supplying the pulpit and act thereon as they shall think proper
4th To See what the town will do Concerning a Suit Commenced against Manoah Drury & act thereon as they shall think proper — Here of fail not and make Due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting
Given under our hands & Seal the 8th day of Nov. 1793

Joseph Wood
Hahum Stone
Ebenezer Leland
Noah B Kimball
} Select men of Grafton

Worcester ss 18th Nov. 1793 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned — Simon Brue Const. for Grafton

November 25th 1793 the Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as followeth (viz)
1 By a vote Chose Joseph Wood Esq moderator
2 By a vote Granted £83-15-0 to pay town Debts
3 put to vote whether the town will Dismiss the Committee for Supplying the pulpit and it past in the affirmative Voted to Choose an other Committee of five in their room
By vote Chose Zebedee Kidding
Isaiah Fairbank
Thaddeus Read
Perley Batchellor
& Jonathan Hoar
} for Committee

4th Voted to send a man to prosecute the action now in Suit by the town of Grafton against Manoah Drury to final Judgment & Execution or Settle it any other way according to his own discretion
By a vote Chose Capt Joseph Whipple for that purpose
Joseph Wood Moderator

To Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton

you are hereby Injoined in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the notable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid qualified by Law to vote for town officers to meet & assemble at the town meetinghouse in said Grafton on monday the twenty third day of December instant at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To Chuse a moderator to regulate said meeting

2d To hear the request of the Committee Chosen to supply the pulpit & act thereon as they shall think proper

3d To accept Town Debt

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting — Given under our hands & seal at Grafton this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety three

Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Nahum Stone
Noah B. Kimball
} Selectmen for Grafton

return

Worcester ss Grafton 19th December 1793 pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of s.d Town Qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned — Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton

December 23d 1793 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as followeth viz

1st By a vote chose Joseph Wood Esq Moderator

2d voted to add three men to the present Committee for supplying the pulpit By a vote chose Aaron Kimball Nahum Stone & Simon Forbes Com.te

proceeded to accept town Debts

By a vote accepted Shelomith Stow's account for time and Expence in attending Court at Worcester to Get a petition thro the Court for the town of Grafton — £1-10-0

accepted Joseph Wood's act for Doctoring Lucy Parry 1-3-6

Accepted Elen.r Sadlers act for providing for & nursing Lucy Parry when she was Sick — 1-10-0

Accepted Mosis Harrington's act for keeping Mr Hutchinsons Horse fourteen weeks — 1-1-0

accepted Joseph Grout's act for Doctoring Hannah Thayer 0-4-8

accepted Joseph Wood's act for Boarding Mr Hutchinson Twelve weeks 7/ p.r week — 4-4-0

and keeping his horse one week — 0-1-6

accepted an account of Jon.a Hayden & others a Com.te for Supplying the pulpit Twelve days — 14-8-0

accepted Nath.l G. Wood's act for Boarding Mr Hutchinson two weeks 0-14-0

accepted John Bennets account for Bording Mr Hutchinson four weeks — 1-8-0

NB all the accounts for Bording Minister & horse are approved by the Committee — Jos Wood

Worcester ss To Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby Required to notify and warn all the
Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet
and assemble at the towns meeting house in said
Grafton on monday the third day of March next at
Eight of the Clock in the forenoon then & there to
act on the following articles viz ——
1 To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said meeting
2 To Chuse Town officers the Currant year
3d To hear The Report of the Town Treasurer
4th To accept town Debts
5 To See how the town will order the Schooling the Currant year
6th To See if the town will vote that the Swine Shall run
at Large the Currant year
7th To Bring in their votes for County Treasurer
8th To Grant money to repair highways the Currant year
and to See what they will allow pr day for work at highways
9th To See if the town will Set Decr Jonathan Stow back
to the School Squadron he was took from last year
according to his petition or act thereon as they Shall
think prosper

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant
with your doings thereon at or before the hour of
said meeting - Given under our hands & Seal this
thirteenth day of February AD 1794

Worcester ss Grafton 3d March 1794
pursuant to the within warrant I have
notified the Inhabitants of said town
qualified as therein Expressed to meet
at the time & place and the articles
to be acted upon as is within mentioned
Simon Bruce Const of Grafton

Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Nahum Stone
Eleazer Leland
Noah B Kimball
} Selectmen for Grafton

March 3d 1794 The Town of Grafton met pursuant
to warning and proceeded as follows (viz)
1 By a vote chose Joseph Wood Esq Moderator
2d Voted to Chuse 5 Selectmen
By vote chose
Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Nahum Stone
Eleazer Leland
& David W Leland
} Selectmen

By a vote adjourned this meeting to two oClock P.M.
this day to the meeting house Joseph Wood Mod
According to adjournment the town met & proceeded to Busines
By a vote chose Benja Goddard Town Clerk
By a vote chose Joseph Whipple Town Treasurer

By vote chose Col. Luke Drury
Joseph Meriam Jr
& Timothy Sherman } assessors

Voted to have two Constables the Currant year

By vote chose Nahum Stow & Ezekiel Brigham } Constables

Voted to have two Tythingmen

By vote chose Aaron Hall & Shelomith Stow } Tythingmen

Voted to have 7 surveyors of Highways & Collectors of highway rates

By vote chose Thomas Axtell Junr Sworn
James H Miller
John Whipple Jr Sworn } surveyors
Ephm Harrington
Ithamer Stow
Moses Cutler Junr Sworn } & Collectors
Daniel Hayden

Voted to have three fence viewers

By vote chose Simon Bruce Ephm Harrington & James Whipple Jr fence viewers

By vote chose Ephm Sherman & Joseph Warren fence wardens

Voted to have ten hogreves the Currant year

By vote chose Amos Batchellor
Thadd Whipple
John Whipple Jr
Aaron Stow
Reuben Cummings
Nathl G Wood
Leonard Kimball
Stephen Barns
Gardner Parker
Lyman Stanford } Hogreves

Chose Capt Zebedee Redding Sealer of Leather

By vote chose Benja Lathe Sealer of Lumber

By a vote adjournd this meeting to monday the tenth day of march Instant at one of the Clock P M to the meeting house

Joseph Wood Moderator

March 10th 1794 The town met according to adjournment and proceeded to Business

3d By a vote accepted the report of the Treasurer

Then proceeded to accept Town Debts

4th By voted accepted a bill brought in by Aaron Kimball & others a Committe for supplying the pulpit £3-5-5
for Interest money

By vote accepted of a Bill Brot in by Zebedee Redding and others a Comt for supplying the pulpit 7-16-0

Accepted a bill Brought in by Joseph Wood David Wadsworth & Benja Goddard assessors for making rates the year past 7 days Each 3-3-0

accepted Elijah Bruce act for taking care of the meetinghouse the year past 1-0-0

5 Voted to Chuse nine men for a School Committee

Turn over

By vote chose Levi Mason
Aaron Ellis
Joshua Harrington
Benja Lathe
Jph Sherman
Sylvenus Morse
Daniel Warrin
Josephus Willard
& Tim: Thurston
} School Committee

6th Voted that the Swine shall be allowed to run at Large the Currant year — — —

By a vote Dismiss Daniel Hayden from serving Surveyor and Collector of Highways rates the Currant year

& By a vote chose Jamy Whipple Junr to serve Surveyor and Collector in his room Sworn

7th Then Carried in forty one votes for a County Treasurer all for Mr Samuel Allen

By a vote Dismiss Aaron Hall from serving by hiring man and chose Daniel Rand to serve in his room

9th By a vote sett off Deacon Jonathan Howe from the George-Hill Squadron so called to the Mericans Squadron so called according to his Request for shooting

8th By a vote Granted £80 to repair highways the Currant year — — —

Voted to allow 3/ pr day for man 1/6 pr day for oxen and 9d pr day for Cart for work at highways the Currant year — — —

By a vote accepted of Simon Bruce to serve Constable for the north side of the Town in Room of Nahum Stone

By a vote adjourn'd to the first monday of april next at four o Clock afternoon to the meetinghouse

Joseph Wood Moderator

~~By a vote adjourn'd~~

April 7. 1794 The town met according to adjournment and adjourned to the second monday of may next at four o Clock P.M. to the meetinghouse Joseph Wood Mod—

May 12th 1794 The town met according to adjournment and Dissolved the meeting

June 24 1794 Capt Joseph Whipple was Sworn to the faithful discharge of the office of Treasurer where to he was appointed for the Town of Grafton at the Annual meeting for choosing Town officers

The following persons Chosen Town officers in March 1794 were Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their Several offices viz Josiah B Goddard & Clerk

Moses Cutler Surveyors & Collectors — Capt Jonathan Howe & Lieut Timo Thurston Assessors — Simon Bruce & Ezekiel Brigham Constables — Capt Joseph Whipple & Lieut Daniel Warrin Fence viewers — Capt Ephraim Spalding Leather Sealer

Thaddeus Whipple Hogreif

To Simon Bruce one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton
You are hereby Required in the name of the Common-
Wealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the Inhabitants
of the Town of Grafton Qualified as the Law Directs to vote
for Governor & Senators to meet at the towns meetinghouse
in said Grafton on monday the Seventh day of april next
at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & there to bring
in their Votes for Governor Lt Governor & Senators
Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant to some
one of us at or before y hour of Meeting ——
Given under our hands & Seals this Seventeenth day
of march A D 1794

Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Nahum Stone
Eleazer Leland
} Select men for Grafton

Grafton 5 april 1794 In obedience to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of s^d Grafton qualified as is Expressed in the within warrant to meet at the time & place & for the purpose as within mentioned —— Simon Bruce } Constable of Grafton

April 7th 1794 The town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning to vote in the Choice of Governor Lt Governor and Senators and Carried in their votes as follows (viz)

For Hon. Samuel Adams Esq —— 42
The Hon Wm Cushing Esq —— 19
the Hon Nathaniel Gorham Esq —— 1
} Governor

For Hon. Nath^l Gorham Esq —— 22
Hon Moses Gill Esq —— 12
Hon Samuel Adams Esq —— 11
Hon. Samuel Phillips Esq —— 2
Hon Will^m Cushing Esq —— 2
Hon Wm Heath Esq —— 1
} Lt Governor

for Senators as follows viz

Hon Moses Gill Esq —— 38
Hon Jonathan Warner Esq —— 38
Hon Salem Town Esq —— 38
Hon Samuel Baker Esq —— 27
Hon. Josiah Stearns Esq —— 27
Elijah Brigham Esq —— 17
Daniel Bigelow Esq —— 3
Capt John Black —— 2
} Senators

Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Nahum Stone
Eleazer Leland
David W Leland
} Select men for Grafton

~~Worcester ss~~ To Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton
In the name of the Common wealth of Massathusetts
you are hereby Required to notify & warn all the Votable
Inhabitants of the town of Grafton aforsaid Qualified as the
Law Directh to vote for town officers to meet & assemble
at the town meeting house in said Grafton on monday
the ~~twenty~~ seventh day of ~~march~~ april next at two o'Clock after-
noon then & there to act on the following articles (viz)
1 To Choose a moderator to regulate said meeting
2 To See if the town will Grant a Sum of money to help
Robertus Flagg or act thereon as they Shall think proper
3 To Grant money to Supply the pulpit or act thereon
as they Shall think proper
Hereof fail not and make Due return of this
warrant with your doings at or before the hour of s^d
meeting — Given under our hands and Seal this
Seventeenth day of March A^D 1794

Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Eleazer Leland
Hahum Stone
} Select men for Grafton

Worcester ss 5th april 1794 pursuant to the within warrant
I have notified the Inhabitants of s^d Grafton Qualified
as is Express'd in the within warrant to meet at the time
and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Simon Bruce } Constable for Grafton

April 7th 1794 The town met pursuant to warning
and proceeded as follows
1 By a vote Chose Col Luke Drury Moderator
2d By a vote Granted £22 To Discharge Robertus
Flaggs Debt provid^d Flagg Secure the farm he
now lives on to the town, So far as that he Cannot
Dispose of it without the Consent of the town
3d By vote Granted £60 to Supply the pulpit

Luke Drury Moderator

To Lieut Ezekiel Brigham one of the Constables of
Grafton you are hereby required in the name of the
Common wealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all
the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton aforsaid Qualified
as the Law Directh to vote for Representative to meet &
assemble at the town meeting house in s^d Grafton
on monday the Twelfth day of may next at two of the
in the afternoon then & there to Choose one Good and
Lawful man Qualified as the Law Directh to represent
s^d Town in the Great & General Court to Convene at the

State house in Boston on the Last wednesday of may next hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting — Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 21st day of april A.D. 1794

Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Nahum Stone
Eleazer Leland
David W Leland
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcesterss pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at the time & place within mentiond
Grafton may 12th 1794 Ezekiel Brigham } Constable

May 12th 1794 The town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and by a vote Chose Joseph Wood Esqr to represent s^d Town at the Gen^l Court the Currant year

Worcesterss To Ezekiel Brigham one of the Constables of the town of Grafton — You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton aforesaid qualified as the Law Directs to vote for town officers to meet & assemble at the town meeting house in said Grafton on monday the 25th day of august Inst. at 3 o'clock afternoon then & there to act on the following articles viz^t

1st To Chuse a moderator for to Regulate s^d meeting
2d To see if the town will Give any Encouragement to the Soldiers to List that are Required by Government to be raised and act thereon as they shall think prosper
3d To see if the town will rent out the ministerial pew

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said Meeting — Given under our hands & Seals this 7th day of august A.D. 1794

Joseph Wood
Nahum Stone
Eleazer Leland
David Wadsworth
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcesterss pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at the time and place within mentioned as the Law Direct
Grafton august 5th 1794 Ezekiel Brigham } Constable

August 25th 1794 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz^t

1st By a vote Chose Col Luther Drury Moderator
2d Voted to allow the Soldiers now ordered to be raised ten Dollars per month with the Continental pay from the time they march to the time they return allowing a reasonable time
Voted to allow all the Soldiers as above said Two Dollars Each to be paid them as soon as they Muster
3d Voted to Leave it with the Selectmen to Conduct the affair respecting Letting out the Ministerial pew till next annual meeting
Luther Drury Moderator

Worcester ss To Simon Bruce one of the Constables for Grafton
You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to notify & warn all the Votable Inhabitants of the
Town of Grafton aforesaid qualified as the Law Directs to vote for
Town officers to meet & assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in said
Grafton on monday the 29th day of Sept. Instant at 2 oClock
in the afternoon then & there to act on the following articles
viz 1st To Choose a moderator to Regulate said meeting
2d To Grant money for Schooling & other Town Charges

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant with
your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said
meeting — Given under our hands & seal at Grafton this ninth day
of September AD 1794

Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Nahum Stone
David W Leland
} Select men for Grafton

Worcester ss
Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the free-
holders and other Inhabitants of the town of Grafton Qualified by
Law to vote in town meetings for the choice of town officers to meet
at the time & place & the articles agreable to of within warrant
Grafton 24th September 1794 Simon Bruce } Constable for Grafton

Sept 29th 1794 The town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning
and proceeded as follows (viz)
1st By a vote chose Joseph Wood Esq moderator
2d By a vote Granted £50 Exclusive of the Interest on the School-
land note for Schooling
Voted to appropriate this years Interest on the six pr cent note for Scho.
By a vote Granted £60 - to Defray other town Charges —
Joseph Wood Moderator —

Worcester ss To Mr Ezekiel Brigham one of the Constables for Grafton
you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
chusetts to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton
aforesaid that are qualified as the Law Directs to vote for town officers
to meet & assemble at the towns meetinghouse in s'd Grafton on thursday
the ninetth day of October Inst at two of the Clock after noon then and
there to act on the following articles viz
1st To Choose a moderator to Regulate said meeting
2d To Chuse a Committee to take a plann of this town according to
a resolve of the General Court passed the 18th day of June Last
or act thereon as they shall think proper
3d To accept town Debts
Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant with your doings
thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting —
Given under our hands and Seal this 3d day of October 1794

Joseph Wood
Nahum Stone
David W Leland
} Select men for Grafton

Worcester ss
Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the In-
habitants of Grafton to meet at the time & place within mentioned
as the Law Directs
Grafton October 9th 1794 Ezekiel Brigham } Const.

October 9th 1794 The town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz

1 By vote chose Joseph Wood Esq moderator

2 votes to chuse a Committee of three men to carry a resolve of Court into Execution for Surveying the town ——

By a vote chose Capt Thaddeus Read for the Surveyor & one of y Committee

By a vote chose Timothy Sherman and Deac Joseph Merriam Jun for the other two of s Committee

3d Accepted an account brought in by Capt Ebenezer Kimball & others a Com for Supplying the pulpit

To [redacted] Candidate 27 days 24/ pr day —— £32-0-0

To Boarding Candidate thirty weeks & four days 10/ pr week — 15-5-8

Jos. Wood Moderator ——

Worcester ss To Simon Bruce one of the Constables of Grafton —— You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton aforesaid Duly qualified to vote for Representative in the General Court of this Commonwealth to meet & assemble at the towns meeting house in said Grafton on monday the third day of November next at two of the Clock in the afternoon then & there to give in their votes to the Selectmen for their Representative to Congress for the fourth western District

Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting — Given under our hands & Seal this twenty seventh day of October A D 1794

Joseph Wood
David W Leland
Nahum Stone
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton Nov 3d 1794 pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of s Town Qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Amon Bruce Constable of Grafton

November 3d 1794 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and brought in their votes for a Representative to Congress for the fourth western District as follows viz

For the Hon Levi Lincoln Esq 22
For the Hon Dwight Foster Esq 16
For Nathaniel Paine Esq 2

attest Joseph Wood
David Wadsworth
Nahum Stone
Eleazer Leland
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss To Simon Bruce one of the Constables for Grafton —— You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton aforesaid qualified to vote for town officers to meet & assemble at the Towns meeting house in s Grafton on monday the third day of November next at four of the Clock in the afternoon then & there to act on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator to Regulate said meeting ——

2 To See if the town will allow or pay Mr Grosvenor Interest on the Interest of his note that was not paid annally or act thereon as they shall think proper — Hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant & of your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting

Turn over

Given under our hands & seal this 29th day of October A.D. 1794

Joseph Wood
David W. Leland
Nahum Stone
} Select men for Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton 3 November 1794 pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Grafton Qualified at therein Expressd to meet at the time & place & for the within purpose within mentioned

November 3d 1794 The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as followeth viz Simon Bruce Constable for Grafton

1st By a vote Chose Nahum Stone Moderator

2d Put to vote whether the town will allow Mr Grovenor Intrest on Interest as mentioned in the second article in the warrant and it passd in the Negative — Nahum Stone Moderator

Worcester ss To Simon Bruce one of the Constables for grafton you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the town of grafton aforesaid Qualified as the Law Directs to vote for town officers to meet and assemble at the town meetinghouse in said grafton on monday the Second Day of march next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1 to Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said meeting
2 to Chuse town officers
3 to see how the town will order the Schooling the present year
4 to hear the Request of the Committee for Keeping the Pound and Chuse another in their Room or act thereon as they shall think proper
5 to hear the Report of the treasurer
6 to grant money to Repair the highway the present year
7 to see what the town will allow per day for man and team to work at the highway the present year
8 to to see if the town will vote to have the Swine go at large the present year
9 to accept town Debts
10 to see if the town will Chuse a Committee to Settle the line Between upton and grafton or act thereon as they shall think proper
11 to see what the town will do Respecting the Road Lately Laid through the northerly part of the town and act thereon as they shall think proper
12 to hear the Request of mosss Adams Respecting the bridle that goes through his Land and act thereon as they shall think proper
13 to hear the Request of Abner temple to be Set from the fourth Squadron So called to the middle of the town for Schooling and act thereon as they shall think proper

hereof fail not and make due Return of warrant with your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting given under our hand and Seal this Eleventh Day of february A.D. 1795

Joseph Wood
Nahum Stone
David W. Leland
} Select men for grafton

grafton 24th of february 1795 pursuant to the within warrant I have have notified the Inhabitants of said grafton Qualified as is Expressed in the within warrant to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Simon Bruce Constable of grafton

March 2d 1795
The town of grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows (viz) by a vote chose perley Batchellor moderator
voted to chose five select men
By vote chose perley Batchellor, Nahum Stone, Lt Moses Hayden, phene Leland, & Jonathan Warner } select men
by vote adjourned for an hour & half to the meting house
perley Batchellor moderator
an adjournment the town met & proceeded to Business
By vote chose Joseph Wood Esqr Town Clerk } the clerk sworn by a Justice of peace
By vote chose Lt Nathaniel Adams Town Treasurer
voted to have three assessors — chose Col Luke Drury, Joseph merian Jr, & Timothy Sherman } assessors
voted to have 2 Constables
by a vote chose Josiah Fairbanks Constable
By vote adjourned to monday next at one of the clock afternoon
perley Batchellor moderator
according to adjournment the town met the ninth Day of march
and proceeded as follows viz by vote chose John brigham Constable for the
voted to have 2 tythingmen by vote chose Jonathan Hayden & Aaron Kimball Jr } tything men & collectors of highway taxes
voted to have seven surveyors
by vote chose — Benjamin goddard Esqr, Timothy merian, Jonathan Wadsworth, phenihas Leland, perley goddard, Elijah Brooks, John Pratt } surveyors & collectors of high taxes
voted to have 2 fence viewers the present year
by vote chose — peter pratt & James Whitcher } fence viewers
voted to have two fire wards by vote chose William Tibbey & Capt Thaddeus Read } fire wards
voted to have one sealer of Leather by vote chose Capt Silvanus Reading sealer of Leather
by vote chose perley goddard sealer of Lumber
voted to have 8 hog Reeves by vote chose Col Luke Drury, Samuel Adams, Joseph merian 3d, John Grinfield, Thomas Davenport, Elick Lathrop, John gould, Amos Batchellor } hog reeves

voted to have nine School committee men the present year

by vote Chose — Simon Bruce, William Brigham, Moses Lelan, Ebenezer Sabin, Thadeus Read, Jonathan Stow, Samuel Adams, Silas Forbush, Nahum Stone — } School Committee

Chose Samuel Wood keeper of the pound

voted to have five a Committee for supplying the pulpit

by vote Chose Deac Jonathan Stow, Benja Goddard Esqr, Col Luke Drury, Elijah Brooks, & Samuel Adams — } Committee for supplying the pulpit

by vote granted 80 pound to Repair the high ways the present year

voted to give three shillings p Day for men & one & six pence for oxen & nine pence for cart to work at the high way the present year

by vote accepted the Report of the Treasury

accepted an account of Parley Batchellor and others a committee for supplying the pulpit for hiring preaching — £20 - 8 - 0

and for Boarding preachers — £7 - 4 - 4

voted to pass over the tenth article

accepted Thomas Axtells account for keeping kennels phillips — £1 - 8

accepted Capt Joseph Whipples account for keeping the Treasury — £10 - 8 - 0

two years — £3 - 6 - 0

voted that Joseph Wood & Benja Goddard Esqr make such application as they shall think proper in behalf of the Town concerning the Road Lately Layd out through the north part of the town

voted to Dismiss 12 article

voted to set Abner Temple from the four Squadron to the middle of the town for Schooling

voted to Dismiss John Brigham from serving Constable and chose Zebulon Daniels Constable in his Room

voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of april at three of the Clock afternoon — Parley Batchellor moderator

march 10th 1794 Nathaniel Adams was sworn to the faithfull Discharge of his Duty as Treasurer to which he was Chosen the present year & the following persons Chose into town offices were sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their Duty viz

Benjaman Goddard, Timothy Williams, Parley Goddard, Elijah Brooks, John Sprett, Jonathan Hadworth — } high way Surveyors and Collectors of high way taxes

before me Joseph Wood Town Clerk

Dr Capt Zebulon Redding Sworn a Scale of Leather & Parley Goddard Scale of Leather

Zebulon Daniels Sworn Constable and Collector of taxes the present year

Moses Adams Sworn Constable and Collector of taxes the present year

Col Luke Drury & Joseph Merriam Sworn assessors

Jonathan Whitney & Peter Pratt were Sworn Fence viewers

Jonathan Kimball was Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of his Duty as a Lighting man to which he was Chosen the present year

Isaac Stone Jr was Sworn Surveyor & Collector of highway taxes

Moses Adams was Sworn Surveyor & Collector highway taxes

before me Joseph Wood Justice of Peace

Worcester ss Lt Ezkiel Bingham Constable for grafton
you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of
grafton Qualified By Law to vote for town officers to meet and
assemble at the town meeting house in grafton on monday the ninth
Instant at three o clock p m then and to act on the following
articles viz
1 to chuse a moderator to Regulate said meeting
2 to hear the petition of timothy thurston and others and act
thereon as they shall think proper

hereof fail not and make due Return of this warrant with your
doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting
given under our hand and seal at grafton this second Day of march
seventeen hundred & ninety five

Worcester ss pursuant to this warrant I have notified
the Inhabitants of the Town of grafton to meet at
the time and place within mentioned
Ezkiel Bingham Constable
grafton march 9th 1795

Perley Batchellor
Moses Hayden
Nahum Stone
Phinehas Leland
Jonathan Harmon
} Select men for grafton

pursuant to warning the town met
by vote chose perley Batchellor moderator
voted that Ephraim Brooks belong to george hill
Squadron for Shooting
perley Batchellor moderator

April 6 1795 the town met according to adjournment
voted to Relase Josiah Fairbanks from serving Constable
~~voted~~ by vote chose moses Adams Constable and
Collector of taxes the present year
voted to Capt John woodbury account for twelve shillings
Allowed Elijah Brooks account for keeping the meeting house
one pound two shilling

by vote adjourned this meeting to the sixth of may ouset
at four of the clock after noon
perley Batchellor moderator

may 6th 1795 according to adjournment the town being met
voted to grant twenty pound in ~~addition~~ addition to the
eighty pound for Repairing the high way the present year
Reconsidered the vote setting Abner temple to the town
Squadron for Shooting
accounts allowed viz

	£	s	d
to Joseph mirian for making Rates	2	8	0
to Luke Perry for Do	2	0	0
to Timothy Sherman for Do	2	0	0
to Joseph Wood for going Lawyers and Expense	1	4	0
to Benjamin gaddard for Do	1	4	0
to William Brigham for keeping the Court house	0	4	6

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts To Zebulon Daniel one of the Constables for Grafton you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said Grafton Qualified by Law to vote for a governor Lt Governor Senators to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house in said Grafton on monday the Sixth Day of April next at one o Clock p.m. there and there to act on the following articles viz

1st to bring in their votes for governor
2d for a Lt governor
3d Senators

and make due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting Given under our hand and seal at Grafton this sixteenth Day of march one thousand seven hundred and ninety five

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein mentioned Zebulon Daniel Constable Grafton April 5th 1795

Pentley Batchelle
Abahum Stone
Moses Hayden
Jonathan Warren
Selectmen of Grafton

April 6th 1795

The town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and brought in their votes as follows viz

Benjamin Gaddis Esqr Clerk pro tempore

for his Excellency Samuel Adams Esqr	64	Governor
for the honor Moses Gill Esqr	1	
for David Wadsworth	1	
for his honor Moses Gill Esqr	57	Lieut Governor
for his Excl Samuel Adams Esqr	1	

for Senators as follows

for Hon Salem Town Esqr	49	Senators
for Hon Josiah Sterns Esqr	47	
for Rezaleal Taft Esqr	39	
for Elijah Brigham Esqr	36	
for Hon Jonathan Warren Esqr	33	
for Benjamin Read Esqr	30	
for Hon Jonathan Grout Esqr	28	
for Hon Samuel Blake Esqr	21	
for Hon Daniel Hagler Esqr	13	
for Joseph Wood Esqr	6	
for Samuel Flagg Esqr	4	
for Marten Kinsley Esqr	1	

Benjamin Gaddis Town Clerk pro tempore

Pentley Batchelle
Abahum Stone
Moses Hayden
Phinehas Leland
Jonathan Warren
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss To Zebulun Daniels one of the Constables of grafton
you are hereby Required in the name of the commonwealth of massachusetts
to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said grafton Qualified by Law to vote
for town offices to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house in said grafton
on monday the Sixth Day of April next at three o clock p m then and there
to act on the following articles viz:

1 to chuse a moderator to Regulate said meeting

2d to see if the town will appropriate the interest Due on the new notes
to pay for preaching or act thereon as they shall think proper

3 ly to See the town to hear the Request of the Select men respecting the Soldiers
Delated as minute men the Last year and act thereon as they shall
think proper

4 ly for the town to Rent out the minister new to called or act
thereon as they shall think proper

5 ly to bring in your votes for County Treasurer

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with
your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of said
meeting given under our hands and Seals at grafton this Sixteenth
Day of march one thousand Seven hundred & ninety five

Jonley Batchelle
Orahum Stone
Majr Hayden
Jthenehal Leland
Jonathan Warren
} Select men of grafton

pursuant to the within warrant have notified the
Town of grafton within mentioned to meet at the time and place
and for the purpose within mentioned Zebulun Daniel Constable

April 6th 1795 the town of grafton being met pursuant to
warning and proceeded as follows (viz)

1 by vote chose Capt Simon Bruce moderator

2d voted to appropriate the Last years interest Due on the new notes
to pay for preaching

3d by a vote ordered the Select men to give those Soldiers an order
to Draw two Dollars Each that have actually paid muster out of the
Treasury

4 by vote ordered the Selectmen to Rent out the minister
new for the present year

5 brought in forty one votes for Samuel allen for County Treasurer

Simon Bruce } moderator

Worcester ss to Zebulun Daniels 3d one of the constables
of the town of grafton you are hereby Required in the name
of the Commonwealth of massachusetts to notify and warn
all the inhabitants of the town of grafton qualified as the Law
Directs to vote for Representative to assemble at the towns
meeting house on wednesday the 6th Day of may next at
one o clock p m to give in their votes for and against
Revising the constitution in ordr to amendments
Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your
Doings thereon to sumner of us at or before the hour of
said meeting given under our hand and seal the thirteenth
Day of april A D one thousan Seven hundred and ninety five

Jonley Batchelle
Nahum Stone
Jeremiah Leland
Jonathan Warner
} Select men for grafton

pursuant to ~~mine~~ the within warrant I have
Notified and warned all the Inhabitants of said town
qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time and place and
for the purpose within mentioned

Zebulun Daniels } constable

Grafton may 2 d 1795

may 6 th 1795 the town of grafton met pursuant to warning
and brought in their votes as follows viz

for Revising the Constitution 19
against it 72

Worcester ss. To Mr 203 Zebulun Daniels constable of the town of
Grafton you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said
town being twenty one years of age and Qualified as the Law
Directs to vote for a Representative to meet at the town meeting on
Wednesday the Sixth Day of may next at two o clock pm for
the purpose of Choosing one good & Lawfull man to serve as a
Representative the Ensuant year to Represent said town at the genral
Court appointed to be Convened & held at boston on the Last ~~Thursday~~
Wednesday of may next

Hereof fail not and make true Return of this warrant with
your doings thereon to Summon of us at or before the time of said
meeting — given unde our hand and Seal at Grafton
this Nineteenth Day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety
five

Jesley Batchelle
Phinehas Leland
Nahum Stone
Jonathan Vannan
} Select men for Grafton

pursuant to the within warrant I have notified
and warned the male inhabitants of said town Qualified as
therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned

Zebulun Daniels Constable

may 6th 1795 the town of Grafton being met pursuant
to warning by vote Chose William Brigham to Represent said town
at the genral Court the Ensuant year

Worcester ss To Moses Adams one of the Constables of the town of Grafton you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said grafton Qualified by Law to vote in town affairs ~~meeting~~ for town officers to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house in said grafton on wednesday the twentyeth Day of may instant at two of the clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles (Viz)

1 to chuse a moderator to Regulate said meeting
2 to hear the Report of the Committee chosen to survey the town and to act thereon as they shall think proper
3 to accept town Debts
4 to see if the town will appoint some man or men to set up guide posts agreable to an act of the General Court or act thereon as they shall think proper
5 to see if the town will order the pew notes to be Renewed or act thereon as they shall think proper
6 to see if the town will give the Treasurer Directions Respecting the interest now Due on the pew notes or act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to ~~him~~ one of us on or before the hour of said meeting given under our hand and Seal at grafton this sixth Day of may 1795

Selectmen of grafton

pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said town Qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned Moses Adams Constable

grafton may 20th 1795

may 20th 1795 pursuant to warning the town meet and proceeded as follows viz — by vote chose capt Zebedee Redding moderator

voted that the Select men shall git sum person to set up guide posts in as many places as they shall think proper according to the act of the general court —

voted to have the pew notes Renewed —

voted to chuse a committee to take the Renewal of the pew notes

voted to have three in the committee —

by vote chose — capt Zebedee Redding } for a
Dea Joseph merian Junr } Committee
Nathaniel Evans

voted that if any shall Refuse to Renew their notes and give such Bond as shall satisfactory to the committee shall be called upon for the principal and interest

voted that the town treasurer be ordered to call for all the intrest due on the pew notes up to the 28th of may 1795 and that the new notes shall bear Date from that time

voted that the treasurer shall be ordered by the town to pay out the intrest that is not appropriated when ordered by the Select men for supplying the pulpit

voted to accept of the plan of the town as Drawn by the Committee to lend to the general court and that the other be filled up and Left in the town

voted to accept an account of the Select men of hopkinton for keping Elizabeth McFarland 4-0-0

accepted the accounts of the committee & surveyor for taking a plan of the town as follows viz

	£	S	D
to capt Thadeus Read	3	7	9
to timothy Sherman	1	1	0
to Joseph merriam Junr	1	1	0

voted to accept Nahum Stones account for preambulating — 0 — 3 — 6

to Lieut Noah B Kimball for Do — 0 — 3 — 6

Worcester ss

To Mr Majr Adams one of the Constables for the town of grafton you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said grafton qualified by law to vote for town offices to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house in said grafton on monday the thirty first Day of this inst August instant at two of the Clock p.m. then and there to act on the following articles viz 1st to chuse a moderator to Regulate said meeting 2d to grant money to Defray town charges for the present year

3 to hear the Request of the select men Respecting m Isaiah Jeanbankes Road and act thereon as they shall think proper

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting given under our hands and seal at grafton this fourteenth Day of August one thousand seven hundred and ninety five

perley batchelder
Nathan stone
majr Hayden
Jona Warren
} Select men for grafton

pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of grafton as therein Required to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned — majr Adams Constable

grafton august 31st 1795

grafton august 31st 1795

pursuant to warning the inhabitants of the town of grafton met and proceeded as follows viz

1st by vote chose perley Batchelder moderator

2d by vote granted the sum of one hundred pound to Defray town charges

3d by vote granted fifty pound Exclusive of the interest on the notes for schooling the present year

4th by vote appropriated the Interest on the six per cent note for six months towards schooling

5th voted to have the Select men Lay out an open road to Isaiah Jeanbankes Land

perley Batchelder moderator

Worcester ss to Zebulon Daniel one of the constables for the town of grafton in the name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts you are hereby Required to notify and warn all the Qualified Inhabitants of said town of graftin by law to vote for town officers to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house in said grafton on monday the 14th Day of September next at 3 o clock Pm then and there to act on the following articles viz

1 to chuse a moderator to Regulate said meeting
2 to see the town to grant money to supply the Desk or act thereon as they shall think proper
3 to Except town Debts

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before the time of said meeting given under our hand and seal at grafton this thirty first Day of august one thousand seven hundred and ninety five

Perley Batchelle
Nahum Stone
Jonathan Leland
Jona Warren

September 14th 1795
pursuant to warning the town met and proceeded as follows viz
1 Elected Chose perley batchelle moderator
2 by vote granted ninety pound to supply the Desk
perley Batchelle moderator

Worcester ss To Moses Adams one of the Constables for the Town of Grafton
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby
Required forthwith to notify and warn all the voteable inhabitants of said town Qualified by Law to
vote for town officers to meet and assemble at the towns
meetinghouse on monday the twenty first Day of December Instant
at one of the clock in the afternoon then and there to act on
the following articles (viz)
1 to chuse a moderator to Regulate said meeting
2 to hear the Request of Thomas Axtell and others Respecting
the abatement of their ministerial taxes and act thereon as
they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant
with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the
time of said meeting — given under our hands and Seals
at Grafton this Tenth Day of December one thousand seven
hundred ninety five

Jonathan Batchellor
Nahum Stone
Jonathan Leland
Jona Warren
} Select men of Grafton

pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants
of said town Qualified as therein Expressed to met at the time and
place and for the purpose within mentioned.

Grafton December the 19th 1795

Moses Adams } Constable

Grafton December 21st 1795 pursuant to warning the town
of Grafton met and proceeded as follows
1 by vote chose Jonathan Batchellor moderator
2 put to vote whether the town would abate the ministerial
taxes assessed on Thomas Axtell and others agreeable to their
petition and it past in the negative
3 put to vote whether the town would by a vote to see if
they would abate any Individuals
it past in the negative
it voted to Dissolve this meeting

Jonathan Batchellor moderator

Worcester ss) To Zebulun Daniel one of the Constables
for grafton you are hereby Required in the name of the
Commonwealth of massachusetts to notify and warn all the
Inhabitants of the town of grafton qualified as the Law Directs
to vote for town officers to meet & assemble at the town
meetinghouse in said grafton on monday the seventh Day of march
next at nine of the clock in the fore noon then and there to act
on the following articles viz

1 to Chuse a moderator to Regulate said meeting
2 to chuse town officers
3 to See how the town will order the Schooling the ensuing year
4 to hear the Report of the treasurer
5 to grant money to Repair the highways the present year
6 to See what the town will allow for men and team to work
at the highway the present year
7 to hear the Request of the Committee for supplying the pulpit
and chuse another in their Room or act thereon as they shall
think proper
8 to See if the town will vote to have the Swine go at Large
the present year
9 to accept town Debts
10 to hear the Request of Abner temple to be set from the
fourth Squadron so called to the middle of the town for Schooling and
act thereon as they shall think proper
11 to hear the Request of Zebulun Daniel to be set from the
Bingham hill Squadron so called to the Leland Squadron so
called and act thereon as they shall think proper
12 for the town to hear the Report of the Select men Respecting
a Road being Laid out through mr Abraham temples Land to
Josiah fairbanks Land and act thereon as they shall think
proper

Hereof fail not and make due Return to Some one of
us at or before the hour of said meeting with your Doings thereon
Given under our hands and Seal at grafton this nineteenth
Day of february A.D. 1796

Perley Ratchelle
Abram Stone
Moses Hayden
Jonathan Warner
} Select men for grafton

grafton february 22 d 1796
Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants
of said town qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the
time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Zebulun Daniel Constable

grafton march 7th 1796

the town being meet according prouded as follows viz

by vote chose perley Batchellor moderator

voted to have five Select men the present year

by vote chose perley Batchellor
pherihah Leland
John Whipple
Andrew Adams
& major Adams
} Select men

by vote chose Joseph Woodtown Clerk

by vote Adjourned for one hour to this place

perley Batchellor moderator

on adjournment the town being meet prouded as follows

by vote chose Nathaniel Adams town Treasurer

voted to have three assessors the present year

by vote chose Luke Dana
Joseph Merriam Jun
Timothy Sherman
} assessors

voted to chuse the Remainder of the town officers by hand vote

voted to have 2 tything men the present year

by vote chose Jonathan Hayward
Josephus Willard
} tything men

voted to have Seven Surveyors of highways & alleylers the present year

by vote chose Josephus Willard
Jonathan Stow
Amaziah Howard
Benja: Lamb
William Brigham
Noah B Kimball
Jonathan Hayden
} surveyors of high ways

voted to have 2 fence viewers the present years

by vote chose Ebenezer Cutler
Jonathan Adams
} fence viewers

voted to have two fine wards the present year

by vote chose Amos Davis
Solomon Brigham
} fine wards

By vote chose Zebed Reddin 2d sealer of Leather
by vote chose perley gaddard sealer of Lumber
voted to have nine hogreeff's the repsat year
by vote chose ——— Elephlet Smith
Timothy thurston
Joseph Chapen
perley gaddard
Joseph gaddard
Samuel Sturington
Barnabas Tibbey
John Devenpat
William Howard
} hog Reeff's

voted to ade the schooling by a committee
voted to have nine in the committee
by vote chose ——— William Lamb
Timothy Sherman
major Holbrook Jr
David Hardwarth Jr
Benja Leland Jr
Joseph merian Jr
Benjaman gaddard
Jonathan Trowbridge
Noah B Kimball
} School Committee

by vote chose nathaniel Bo Dexter Keeper of the pound
By vote granted one hundred & fifty pound to Repair the highways
voted to allow four shillings & six pence per man per day 2/3 for oxen & 3 pence per penny for cart to work at the highway from the first of April to the first of September
voted to chuse a committee of five to supply the pulpit
By vote chose ——— Joseph merriam Jr
William Lamb
John Whipple
William Bingham
Joshua Goulding instead of John Whipple one of the committee
} Committee to supply the pulpit

By vote chose John thurston

voted to have the Swine Run at Large the present year
voted to set Abram Temple from the fourth Squadron to the middle of the town Squadron for schooling
voted to set Zebulon Daniels from the Brigham Squadron to the Leland Squadron for schooling
accepted the Road Laid out by the Select men through Abrahm Temples Land to Josiah Trowbridges Land
accepted the account of ~~[illegible]~~ 204 Dollars to Jonathan Stow and others a committee for supplying the pulpit

voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at 2 of the Clock after noon

perley Batchellor moderator

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March 10th 1796
John pratt was Sworn Constable and collector for grafton
21 Elijah Brooks Sworn Constable & collector for Do
Jonathon wadsworth Sworn fence viewer
Jonathon Hayden Sworn Surveyor & collector of highway tax
Lake Dimy Timothy Sherman ware Sworn assessors
Deacon Joseph meriam Junr was Sworn assessor

April 4th 1795 the town met according to adjournment
and proceeded as follows viz
accepted Deacon Jonathon Stow's accompt for Boarding Candidates £18-11-8
accepted Nathaniel Adams accompt for keeping the Treasury the sum of 6 Dollars 50 cents
accepted capt Thadeus Read's accompt for Interest paid to candidates &c £0-11-11
accepted Jerley Batchellor accompt for Do 0-11-11
accepted Aaron Stone's accompt for Do 0-11-11
accepted capt Aaron Kimball accompt Do 0-6-5
by vote Chose timothy meriam one of the Committee for keeping preaching instead of Deacon Joseph meriam
by vote Chose Amariah Howard in the place of Jabez Thurston a Committee for keeping preaching
by vote adjourned this meeting to the Second meeting in may next at four of clock afternoon
Jerley Batchellor moderator

April 4th 1796

The town of grafton met pursuant to warning and brought in their votes as follows viz

for his Excellency Samuel Adams Esqr — 57
Hon James Sumner Esqr — 15

for governour

Hon moses gill Esqr — 55
David Wadsworth — 1

Lt governour

Hon Salem Town Esqr — 59
Hon Josiah Stearns Esqr — 58
Hon Benjamin Read Esqr — 32
Hon Elijah Brigham Esqr — 27
Hon Jonathan Hunnes Esqr — 30
Hezekiah Taft Esqr — 30
Joseph Wood Esqr — 28
Hon Daniel Bigelow Esqr — 24
Hon Jonathan Grout Esqr — 4
Hon martin Kinsley Esqr — 1

Senators

Joseph Wood town clerk

Henry Batchelder
Phinehas Leland
John Whipple
Andrew Adams
Moses Adams

Select men

Worcester ss To mr Elijah Brooks one of the
constables for grafton greeting: In you are hereby Required in
the name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts to
Notify and warn the male inhabitants of said town
Being twenty one years of age and Resident in said town
for the space of one year next proceding, having a free
hold Estate within D town of the annual income of three
pound or any Estate to the value of sixty pound to meet at
the towns meeting house in D grafton on monday the ninth
Day of may next at one of the clock afternoon for
the purpose of Chusing one good & lawfull man to Represent
them at the general Court appointed to be held at Boston
on the Last wednesday of may next
Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant
with your doings thereon to some one of us at or
before the hour of said meeting given under our hand
and Seal at grafton this twenty ninth Day of April AD
one thousand Seven hundred and ninety six

Jonathan Batchelder
Jonathan Leland
John Whipple
Andrew Adams
Moses Adams
} Select men of Grafton

Worcester ss pursuant to the within warrant
I have notified the Inhabitants of D town Qualified
as therein Expressed to meet at the time and place and for
the purposes within mentioned

Elijah Brooks Constable

Grafton May 9th 1796

may 9th 1796
the town of grafton met pursuant warning and
the constable returned a majority to the general Court the
present year

Worcester ss To Mr Elijah Brooks one of the Town
for grafton greeting you are hereby Required in the name
of massachusetts to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said
town Qualified to vote for town affairs to meet and assemble
at the town meeting house in Grafton on monday the ninth
Day of may next at three o'clock after noon then and
there to act on the following articles viz
1 to Chuse a moderator for s^d meeting
2 for the town to order what shall be done with the
minister pew the present year
3 to hear the Request of cpt moses Hemenway and others
Respecting providing powder &c for the Soldiers and
act thereon as they shall think proper
4 to hear the Request of the treasurer Respecting money
Rec^d on the Six per cent note not appropriated
and act thereon as they shall think proper
5 for the town to order the treasurer to make a settlement
with all the Back collectors of taxes by the first of
February next
6 for the town to accept a Leaf of Juneau or act thereon
as they shall think proper
7 for the town to appropriate the interest which will be due
on the pew rates 28th of may for to supply the pulpit
or act thereon as they shall think proper
8 to hear the Request of the town of Boston Respecting the
treate with grate Britton and act thereon as they shall
think proper
9 to accept town Debts

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant
with your Doings thereon to Summon at or before
the hour of said meeting given under our hand and seal
at grafton this twentyninth Day of April one thousand
seven hundred and ninety six

Jonathan Baldwin
Phinehas Leland
John Whipple
Andrew Adams
Moses Adams
} Select men for grafton

Worcester ss pursuant to the within warrant I have
notified the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified as therein
Expressed to meet at the time and place and for the
purposes within mentioned Elijah Brooks Constable
Grafton may 9th 1796

may 9th 1796

at the town of grafton being met pursuant to follow
ing by vote chose perley Batchelle moderator
voted to leave it to the selectmen to let the meeting pew
for one year
voted for the town to furnish the soldiers belonging to
the train band with ball powder & flint according as
the law of the state Requires and the same to be Confined
at the town stock
voted for the treasurer to put out the principle he has
Received on the Six per cent note at interest and the
interest he has Received on it to be appropriated to schooling
voted to chuse a committee of three to purchase the ammunition
for the soldiers agreeable to the Request voted
by vote chose Jonathan Wheeler David W Leland
& moses Hemington a committee for the purpose of
buying said ammunition
voted to appropriate the interest which will become
due on the pew notes 28th of may for supplying
the pulpit
voted to accept the list of jurors as presented to
the town by the select men viz

Cala Luke Dunny
perley Batchelder
Dea Joseph newman
David Wadsworth
Capt Joseph Whipple
Col Jona Wheeler
Asahum Stone
William Bingham
Phinehas Leland
Eleazer Leland
Capt Ithodens Read
Nathaniel Adams
Daniel Warren
Joseph Wood Junr
Noah B Kimball
moses Hayden
John Thurston
Ezekiel Bingham
Wm Whipple
Andrew Adams
Samuel Adams
Benjamin Lathe
Daniel Hayden
James Wheeler
Samuel Flagg
Moses Sherman
Jonathan newman
David Wadsworth Junr
David W Leland
Ephraim Goulding
Elijah Brooks
Moses Holbrook Jr
Joshua Goulding
Jonathan Forbush
Isaih Fairbanks
John pratt
Ephraim Barns
Jonathan Warren
Samuel Wood
Ephraim Sherman Jr
Moses Adams
Daniel Rand
Zebulun Daniels
moses Cutler Jr
Aaron Kimball Jr

(1)

Worcester ss To Mr Elijah Brooks one of the Constables of grafton In you are hereby Required In the name of the commonwealth of massachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the inhabitants of grafton qualified by Law to vote for town officers to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house in S grafton on monday the twenty eyth Day of June instant at two a clock after noon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1 to chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 for the town to concur with the church call of mr John Miles to the work of the ministry in this place agreeable to the Request of said Church

3 for the town to make provision for the decent and comfortable support of the said mr miles on such conditions as they shall think proper

4 to hear the Request of mr Josiah Seambanks Respecting the Road Laid out from the County Road to his Land and act thereon as they shall think proper

5 to accept town Debts

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting given under our hands and seal at grafton this ninth Day of June one thousand seven hundred & ninety six

peeley Batchelder
phinehas Leland
John Whipple
Andrew Adams
moses Adams

Selectmen of grafton

Worcester ss pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned — Elijah Brooks Constable

grafton June 20th 1796

grafton June 20th 1796
the town of grafton being met agreeable to warning
proceeded as follows viz

By vote chose Benjaman gaddard Esq moderator

voted to concur with the church according to their
Request in having mr miles for their pastor

voted to give mr miles a settlement

voted to chuse a committee to Report to the town the terms
of Settlement & Sallary

By vote chose capt Zebedee Redding
Andrew Adams
Daniel Hayden
Dea Joseph merriam Jr
Joseph Wood 2d
phinehas Leland
Dea Jonathan Stow
Capt Aaron kimball
Samuel flagg
William Bugbee
Lt John Whipple } A Committee

The committee chosen to Report to the town the terms
to offer mr miles of Settlement & Sallary Report as follows viz
two hundred pound Settlement the Settlement to be paid in four
years fifty pounds pr year if mr miles shall continue our
Regular minister said term of four years and if he shall not
continue our minister said term the Settlement to be paid in
proportion to the time he shall so continue

and Eighty five pounds Sallery to be paid yearly and if
not paid at the End of the year intrist to be paid from then
till paid — the above Sallery to be paid so Long as he shall
continue Regular in the pastoral office ... provided natwith
Standing if any Dispute shall arise Between minister and
people and after twelve months trial for Settlement
Dispute shall still Subsist and above half of the Society
shall Desire a Dissolution of the above Contract it shall
then take place and the Inhabitants of the town shall be
no Longer Holden to fulfill the above Contract

and also the minister if he shall be uneasy with his Situation
and shall Desire a Release from his charge if no accomodation
can be made in twelve months from the time he manifests his
uneasiness and he still continue his Desire he shall be Dismissed
Reasons are to be given as ground of the Dismission in either case
and Determined by proper Judges who is in the fault

Zebedee Redding } In behalf of the Committee

The town voted to accept the above Report of the committee
voted to chuse a committee of three to carry the vote of the town to mr
miles by vote chose

Dea Joseph merriam
Joseph Wood
parley Batchelder } Committee

3 19 upon the 4 Article voted a committee of five to and alter the Road mentioned in said article if they See Cause

Byvote chose Benja goddard Esq
mases adams
Capt Jebediah Redding
Lieut Noah B Kimball
Joshua goulding
} the Committee

Byvote adjourned the said committee to Report to the town the next Leagal town meeting

voted to accept col Luke Drurys account for making Rates ——— £ 2 - 0 - 0

Benja goddard moderator

Worcester ss to mr John C pratt one of the Constables for the town of grafton Sir you are hereby Required In the name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts forthwith to notify and warne all the inhabitants of grafton Qualified at the Law Duely to vote for town officers to meet and assemble at the towns meetinghouse in said grafton on monday the twenty second Day of august Instant at one of the clock after noon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1 to chuse a moderator for said meeting ———
2 to grant money to Defray town charges the present year
3 to accept town Debts ———
4 for the town to pass such votes Respecting the undaimed of mr John miles as they shall think proper ———

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant at or before the hour of said meeting given under our hands and Seal at grafton this Eighth Day of august one thousand Seven hundred and ninety six

pentley Bathelle
phinehas leland
Andrew Adams
moses Adams
} Select men of grafton

Worcester ss august 22d 1796 in obedience to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the Qualified inhabitants of the town of grafton to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned at the Law Duely ——— John C pratt Constable

August 22 d 1796 the town of grafton being met agreeable to
warning proceed as follows viz ——

Chose parley Balchellor moderator ——

voted to pass over the first & third articles & proceed to the fourth
voted to comun with the church & nine miles in the council
for the purpose of ordaining one miles ——
voted to have the ordination the second wednesday of october next
voted to chose a committee of 3 to prepare for the council
by vote chose capt Aaron Kimball
Deacon Jonathan Stow
Benjaman Gaddard Esq. } a committee
voted to add two to the above committe
by vote chose Nathaniel Adams
Joseph Wood esqr

voted to chose a committee of five to keep order
by vote chose —— capt Shellamath Stow
Ephraim Sturmyton
David W Leland
Nathaniel B Dexter
voted to add the 2 constables and the Sheriff to this committee
John C pratt
Elijah Brooks
Jones Whipple Jr

voted to grant Eighty five pound to Defray town Charges
voted to grant sixty pound for schooling the present year
voted to accept the account of timothy Sherman
for making Rates the sum of —— 2 0 0
and Deacon Joseph menams five
making Rates the sum of —— 2 8 0

parley Balchellor moderator

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Worcester ss 8th to mr Elejah Brookes one of the Constable for grafton In you are hereby Requird in the name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts forthwith to notify & warn all the Inhabitant of said grafton Qualified by law to vote for town offices to meet and assemble at the town meting house in said town on monday the twenty ninth day of august Instant at four of the clock afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1 to chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 to hear the Request of the Selectmen of westborough Respecting a post Road from Boston to hartford and act thereon as they shall think proper

3 to hear a Letter Dated at oxford Respecting said Road

4 to hear the Report of a Committee chosen to make alterations in the Road Laid out for mr Jsaach fairbanks and act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting given under our hand and seal at Grafton this twenty fifth Day of august one thousand seven hundred & ninety six —

Jonley Batchelle-
phen chas Leland
John Whipple
Andrew adams
moses adams
} Select men of grafton

Worcester ss pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town Qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place & for the purposes within mentioned

Grafton august 29 th 1796 Elejah Brookes Constable

August 29th 1796

pursuant to warning the town met and proceeded as follows viz

chose moses Herrington moderator

voted to chuse a committee of three to attend the surveyor

by vote chose Jonathan R Keeler
Nehemiah Leland
Joseph Wood
} a committee

put to vote whether the town will
accept the Report of the committe to alter the Road
to Isaac Fairbanks passed in the negative

moses Herrington moderator

Worcester ss to John Cady pratt one of the Constables
of the town of grafton you are hereby Required in the name
of the Commonwealth of massachusetts to warn & warn all
the free holders and other inhabitants of sd town qualified
by Law to vote ~~for town~~ in town meeting to meet & assemble
at the towns meeting house in grafton on monday the
seventh day of november next at three of the Clock in the
after noon then and there to act on the following articles
viz. first to chuse a moderator
2 to hear the petition of Elisha Brigham & others Requesting
ing a Road Laid out through D. Elisha Land to Sutton line
and act thereon as they shall think proper
thirdly to Except town Debts
hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with
your doings thereon to some one of us at or before
the time of said meeting given under our hand & seal at grafton
this twenty ninth day of october in the year of our Lord
one thousand seven hundred and ninety six

Perley Batchellor
Nehemiah Leland
John Whipple
moses adams
} select men for grafton

pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the
inhabitants of said town qualified & expected to meet at the
time and place and for the purposes within mentioned
grafton seventh november 1796 John C pratt Constable

November 7th 1796 the town of grafton being met according to
warning chose Perley Batchellor moderator
put to vote whether the town would Discontinue the Road Laid
out from Elisha Brighams to Sutton Line passed in the negative
33 for & 34 against it — perley Batchellor moderator

Worcester ss to John C Pratt one of the Constables of Grafton
you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of
massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Town
Being twenty one years old and Resident in said town for the space
of one year and Qualified by Law to vote for Representatives
to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house in said grafton
for the purpose of giving in their votes for Representatives to Repre-
the fourth western District to the Congress of the united States
to meet and assemble on monday the seventh Day of November
Instant at four of the Clock after noon

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with
your Doings to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting
given under our hand and seal at grafton the 7 Day of
november one thousand seven hundred and ninety six

Phenehas Leland
John Whipple
Moses Adams
} Select men for grafton

pursuant to the within warrant I have notified
and warned the male Inhabitants of said town Qualified
as therein Required to meet at the time and place and for
the purpose within mentioned John C Pratt Constable
November 7th 1796 pursuant to warning the town of grafton
being met Brought in their votes as follows viz for
Hon Dwight foster Esqr ——— 43
for Hon Levi Lincoln Esqr ——— 11

Worcester ss to Elijah Brooks one of the Constables of grafton
you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth
of massachusetts to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town
grafton Qualified by Law to vote for Representative to meet and
assembly at the towns meeting house in said grafton on monday
the seventh Day of november instant next at two of the
clock after noon then and there to give in their votes for
one Elector for president & one vice president of the united
States

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings
to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting given under our
hand and seal at grafton the seventeenth Day of october one thousand
seven hundred and ninety six

Perley Batchelle
Phenehas Leland
Moses Adams
} Select men for grafton

November 7th 1796
pursuant to warning the town met and proceed as follows viz
brought in their votes for Elector of president and vice president
for Joseph allen Esqr ——— 43
for Hon Levi Lincoln ——— 1

This may Certify that we the subscribers 324 have remeasured the Line and Renewed the bound between Grafton & Northbridg to the Satisfaction of both parties

Northbridg December 6th 1796

John Whipple
Perley Batchelder
moses adams
} Select men of grafton

paul Aldrich
Benjaman Bemson
Bernard Fobler
} Select men of Northbridg

Worcester ss To mr Elijah Brooks Constable for grafton y^ you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the town of grafton &c to meet and assemble in said grafton on monday the ninth Day of January next at one of the Clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz

1 to Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 to hear the Request of the town of Dudley to Join them with a number of other towns in Convention Respecting the post Road from Connecticut to Boston and act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting given under our hand and Seal at grafton this twenty sixth Day of December AD one thousand seven hundred and ninety six

Perley Batchelder
phinehas Leland
John Whipple
Andrew Adams
moses Adams
} Select men for grafton

Worcester ss pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said town to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned and Elijah Brooks Constable

grafton January 7th 1797

January 9th 1797 the town of grafton pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows viz chose moses adams moderator voted to chuse a committee to meet in Convention Concerning the Road

By vote chose

phinehas Leland
Joseph Whipple
Joseph Wood
} Committee

moses adams moderator

Worcester ss 1795 To Mr John Pratt one of the Constables
for Grafton Sir you are hereby required in the name
of the Commonwealth of massachusetts to notify and warn
all the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town
quallifyed By law to vote for town officers to meet
and assemble at the towns meeting house in said
Grafton on monday the Sixth day of march next
at Eight o Clock before Noon then and there to act on
the following articles viz
1 to Choose a moderator for said meeting
2 to Choose town officers for the present year
3 to hear and accept the report of the town Treasurer
4 to Grant money to repair the highways the Current year
5 for the town to order what shall be allowed per day
for man and team to work at the highways the preasent
year
6 to accept town debts
7 for the town to allow the Swine to run at Large
or act theiron as they shall think proper
8 to hear the request of Lieut James Whipple and
others repeting their being Set of a squadron by
them Selves and act thereon as they shall think
proper
9 to hear the report of the Committee Chosen to provide
Ammunition for the Soldiers and act theiron as they
Shall think proper

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrent
With your Doings theiron to Some one of us at or
before the hour of said meting — Given under
our hand and Seal at Grafton this twentyeth Day
of February one Thousand Seven hundred and
Ninety Seven

Perley Baldwin
John Whipple
Phinear Leland
Andw Adams
Moses Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton

pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and
warned all the voteable inhabitants of the town of grafton
to appear at the time and place and for the purpose within
mentioned — John C Pratt Constable of Grafton

march 6th 1797
the town of grafton being meet pursuant to warning proceed as follows viz by vote chose perley Batchelder moderator voted to have five Select men

by vote chose
perley Batchelder
Jonathan Adams
William Brigham
Daniel Hayden
Elijah Brooks
} Select men

by vote chose Joseph Wood Town Clerk
voted to adjourn the meeting for one hour
perley Batchelder moderator

the town being met according to adjournment proceeded and chose Nathaniel Adams Town Treasurer & he is Sworn

chose
Benjaman gaddard Esqr
Joseph Wood 2d
capt Thadeus Read
} Assessors

chose John C pratt
and Jonathan Warner
} Constables

chose John Bennet pound Keeper
chose Joseph gaddard & Nahum Stone
} Tything men

voted to have Seven Surveyors & Collectors of highways to

By vote chose
Samuel Wood
~~Jonas~~ Brown
James Whipple Jr
Daniel Hayden
Thadeus Whipple
Col Luke Drury
} Surveyors & Collectors of highway taxe

march 13th 1797 Sworn Chanl Brigham

voted to have one fence viewer the present year

by vote chose Benjaman gaddard Esqr

voted to have three fence viewers

by vote chose capt
Joseph Warner
Amos Davis
Benja gaddard Esqr
} fence viewers

chose perley gaddard Sealer of Lumber
chose capt Ebenezer Redding Sealer of Leather
chose
Joseph prentice
Samuel Keith
Stephen Sadler
mary Cutler Jr
perley Whipple
Stephen Keith Jr
Joseph Dexter
capt Nathaniel Hoy
} Hog Reeves

By vote granted one hundred & fifty pounds to
Repair the highways the present year
voted to allow 4/6 pr Day for man to work at the highways
2/3 for oxen & 1/1½ per cent
from now to the fifteenth of September next —
voted to have the Swine Run at Large —
voted to devide the whipple Squadron agreeable
to the petition of James Whipple and others —
which was to set of Lieut James Whipple
Ephraim Sherman
Capt Joseph Whipple
John Whipple
Ephraim Sherman Jr
Amaziah Howard
John Whipple Jr
James Whipple Jr
} A Distinct by themselves

voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday
in april next at one of the clock afternoon —

Jenley Batchellor moderator

March 1797 Chall Bigham sworn } highway
surveyor

March 6 Stephen Sanderson sworn } hogreef
April 3 Josiah Dexter sworn by Esq Jones
Said Esq

the town meeting not accepting the [illegible]
of [illegible] report allowing Jonathan Stone [illegible]
for Reading in order the sum of ——— £ 3 0
Voted Josh Pratt in the Room of Jonathan Stone to serve
as Constable for the north side of the town ———
accepted Benja Lathes account for finding Balls for
the Grate Bridge the sum of ——— 1 1 2
allow the accompt of William Bingham & Timothy Pickering
a Negative thereon for having preached the Sum 110 Dollars
allow Nathaniel Adams for keeping the Hearse 6 Dollars & 5 Cents
by vote granted Thirty pounds in addition to the former
grant for Repairing the highways the present year ———
voted to adjourn this meeting one hour ———
having met chose Capt Joseph Kimpton highway
Surveyor in the Room of James Kippen Jr ——— £ S
accepted Timothy Pickerings account for making Rates 1 8 0
Luke Davis for Do ——— 1 8 0
Joseph Miriam for Do ——— 1 8 0

124 Worcester ss To Mr John C. Pratt one of the Constables
for the Town of Grafton. Greeting. Sir you are hereby
Required. In the Name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to notafy and warn the male inhabi-
Inhabitants of the said town of Grafton qualified
to vote for town officers to meet and assemble at the
Towns meeting house In said town on monday the
third day of April next at three o'clock after noon
Then and their to Act on the following articles viz

1 To Choose a Moderater for said meting.
2 To Chose a Committee to order the school the present year
or Act thier on as they shall think proper.
3 to grant money to defray Town Charges the present Year
4 to give direction to the selectmen respecting the Poor,
or Act thier on as they shall think proper
5 to order the Treasurer to call upon all back Collectors
to make a Settlement of the whole of their Collec-
tion that is payable by the 15th of June next
or act thier on as they shall think proper
6 to bring in their votes for County Treasurer
7 to order what shall be done with the pew interest
due on may next —

Here of fail not and make a return of this
Warrent with your doings thier on to some one of
us at or before the hour of said meeting — Given
under our hands and Seal at Grafton this twenty-sixth
Day of march A.D. one thousand seven hundred and
Ninety Seven —

Perley Batchellor
Wm Brigham
Daniel Hayden
Andw Adams
Elijah Brooks
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Pursuant to the within warrent
I have Notified and warned the Voatable inhabitants
of Grafton to meet at the time and place and
for the purpose within mentioned as I am
John C. Pratt } Constable of Grafton

Law Direct —
Grafton April 3d 1797

April 3d 1797 the town of goshen being met according
to warning proceeded as follows viz
Chose Stanley Balchellor moderator
voted to have a committee to agree with the School
the present year by vote Chose
Jeremiah Barnes
Jonathan Huber
Lent Ezekiel Bingham
Phinehas Leland
Lt James Whipple
Jonathan Hardworth
Capt Thadeus Read
Jonathan Hayden Jr
Samuel Flagg
Ebenezer Hardworth
} School Committee

a ballot to the Cattle brought in three votes for County treasurer
as follows viz for Samuel Allen Esqr 22 votes for Jo

voted to appropriate the fortunes that will be Due ~~the fines~~
on the pew rates may next for preaching
by vote adjourned this meeting to the first monday of
may next at one oclock Stanley Balchellar moderator

may 1st 1797 the being met according to warning proceeded
as follows viz
by vote granted Eighty five pound to Defray town charges
Exclusive of the School money
by vote granted Sixty pound for Schooling the present year

Worcester ss 331

To Mr. John C Pratt one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting. Sir you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn the male inhabitants of the said Town of Grafton qualified twenty one years of age and upwards having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of Sixty pounds to meet at the meeting house in Grafton on monday the third Day of April next at two of the Clock in the after noon to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Councellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us before the hour of said meeting—

Given under our hands and Seal at said Grafton this twentyeth Day of March

A D 1797

Perley Batchellor
Wm Brigham
Jno Adams
Daniel Hayden
Elijah Brooks
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified and warned the voitable inhabitants of the town of Grafton to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned as the Law Directs

Grafton April 3d 1797 John C Pratt Constable of Grafton

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to warning for the purpose of bringing in their votes for
Governor Lieut Governor & Senators Which votes are
as follows viz

For the Honorable Daniel Sullivan Esqr	33	For Governor
For Hon Francis Dennen Esqr	14	
Hon Joseph Gill Esqr	36	For Lieut Governor
Hon Edward H Robbins	1	
Hon Salem Town	24	For Senators
Bezaleel Taft Esqr	23	
Hon Daniel Bigelow	23	
Hon Josiah Sherwin	17	
Hon Elijah Brigham	21	
Samuel Aplegg Esqr	7	
Hon Levi Lincoln	2	
Hon Benja Read	2	
Stanley Ketchell		Select men for Gretton
William Brigham		
Daniel Hayden		
Elijah Brooks		

Joseph Wood Town Clerk

Worcester ss To mr John C Pratt Constable for the town of Grafton — Greeting

you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and resident in said Town for the Space of one year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual income of three pounds or any other estate to the value of Sixty pounds to meet at the Meeting-house in Grafton on the first monday of may Next at two of the Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of Choosing a Representative to Represent them at the General Court appointed to be Convened and held at Boston on the Last Wensday of may next

hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us before the hour of said meeting —

given under our hands and seal at Grafton the Seventeenth Day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven —

Perley Batchellor
Wm Brigham
Daniel Hayden
Elijah Brooks
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Pursuant to the within Warrant I have warned all the notable inhabitants of the town of Grafton to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned as the Law Directs John C Pratt

Grafton May 1st 1797

} Constable of Grafton

Grafton may 1st 1797
the town of grafton being met agreeably to warning
Brought in their votes for Representative to Represent them
in the general Court the present year as follows viz

for Joseph Wood	52
for william Brigham	46
for Luke Drury	1
for Nahum Stone	1

Jarley Balchelle Chairman of the Select men
moderator

Worcester ss To mr John Pratt Constable for the Town of 537
Grafton ——— Greeting
you are hereby required in the Name of the Common
wealth of massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and
other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to vote
in Townmeetings to meet and assemble at the meeting house
in Grafton on monday the first Day of may next at three
of the Clock in the after noon to act on the following articles
1st To Choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting (viz
2d To hear the Petition of Col Luke Drury and others
Respecting the Establishing the Roads as they were
Laid out in said Grafton and act thereon as they
shall think Proper ———
3d To hear a Letter from Col. Fisher of Westborough
respecting the publick Roads and act thereon as they
shall think Proper ———
4th For the town to Chuse a committee to order how the additional
Grant for high Ways shall be laid out or act thereon as they
shall think proper ———
hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant with
your Doings thereon to some one of us before the hour
of meeting Given under our hands and seal at Grafton
this twenty second Day of April A.D. one thousand
seven hundred and ninety seven ———

W Brigham
Perley Batchellor
Elijah Brooks
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss Pursuant to the within warrant I have
Notified and warned all the votable inhabitants of the
Town of Grafton to meet at the time and place and
for the purpose within mentioned as the law Directs

John Pratt } Constable of Grafton

may 1st 1797 the town of grafton being met agreeably to warning and proceed as follows viz Chose John C pratt moderator voted to pass over the Second article

voted to chuse a committee to wate on the county committee to view the Road — by vote chose Chose David ward Joseph Wood principal Leland Joseph D Thopple Samuel Wood Committee

voted that the Select men shall be impowered to order such surveyors as they shall think proper to work such proportion of their highway Rates to the value of one hundred Dollars being an additional grant on the County Road through grafton

John C pratt moderator

Worcester ss To Mr. John C pratt Constable for Grafton

Sir you are herby Required In the Name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote for Town officers to meet & assemble at the towns meeting house in said Grafton on monday the twelfth Day of June Next at three of the Clock after noon then & there to act on the following articles (viz)

1 to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 to Grant a Sum of money to be Expended on the new laid Road between Joseph Dipper and the River bridge by Col. Wheelers Gate

3 to Let out said Road to the Lowest bidder or act thereon as they shall think proper

4 to accept Town Debts

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the time of said meeting given under our hand and Seal at grafton this Twenty ninth Day of may one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven

Perley Bethelle
Andrew Adams
Wm Bingham
Elijah Brooks
Selectmen of grafton

June 12 th 1797 the town of grafton met pursuant to warning &
proceeded as follows viz Chose samuel Adams moderator
put to vote if the town will grant money to make the new Road from
Joseph Jeppers to the Bridge by wheeler gate passd in the negative
put to vote whether the town will pass over the the Darkote passd in
the affirmative
voted to chuse a Committee to view said Road and Report to the town
By vote chose David Wadsworth / Ephraim Sherman / Committee
Dea Joseph Merriam
accepted Dan Lamb accompt for Reading nine miles £ 1-0-0
accepted Benja Lamb accompt to be allowd towards their highway work the sum of 37 Dol. 75 Cents
voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the 26th Day of Instant
at five of the Clock after noon ~~samuel Adams~~ moderator

Worcester ss To Mr John C Pratt constable for the town of Grafton greeting

you are hereby Required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to meet & assemble at the meeting house in said town on monday the twenty Sixth Day of June Currant at three of the Clock in the after noon to act on the following Articles (viz

1st to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2d to Grant a Sum of money to be Laid out on the publick Roads in this town

3d to Lay out said money when and in what way & manner they Shall think proper

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto Sum one of us at the hour of said meeting given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Seventeenth Day of June AD one thousand Seven hundred and ninety seven

Parley Batchelder
Wm Brigham
Daniel Hayden
Select men of Grafton

Worcester ss

pursuant to the above warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned John C Pratt Constable

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Grafton 26 June 1797 the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Grafton pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows

1 Chose Parley Batchelder moderator

viz Chose William Brigham Clerke pro tempore

then voted to adjourn said meeting half an hour

the town having again Reassumed the Business of said meeting

2 voted two hundred pounds Dollars for the Repair of the publick Roads in said town

3 voted to Chuse a Committee to inspect said Roads and Lay out said money where they shall think proper as necessary

4 by vote Chose Ebenezer Wadsworth, Daniel Hayden, Noah B Kimball Said Committee

5 voted that the afore said grant shall be assessed in the usual way and Left the said Committee to the Several Surveyors & Collectors of highway taxes said Surveyors being under the Direction of said Committee

6 voted to allow 4/6 pr Day for man

7 voted to allow 2/3 pr Day for Oxen and 1/ pr Day for Cart

Parley Batchelder moderator

Worcester ss

To Solon Wyatt Constable for Grafton Greeting

In your are hereby Required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified by law to vote for town officers to meet at the town meeting house in said Grafton on monday the decent Day of October Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon

Then and There to act on the following articles

1st

1st To Chose a moderator for said meeting

2d to hear the Petision of moses Harrington and others respecting Raising a number of men agreeable to resolution of Congress and act thereon as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail Not and make due Return of your Doings with this warrant to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at grafton this Twenty Ninth Day of September one thousand seven hundred and Ninety seven

Perley Batchelor
Daniel Hayden
Elijah Brooks
Select men of Grafton

Worcester ss pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the notable inhabitent of the town of grafton to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned as the Law Directs

John Cowatt Constable of Grafton

grafton october 2d 1797

the town being met agreable to warning proceed as follows

1st chose perley Batchelle moderator

2 voted to give the men that Shall turn out to stand in Reiness to march two Dollars Each

voted to make up the pay of the Soldiers if they Shall march ten Dollars pr month including the continantal pay for the time they Shall be in actual Service

perley Batchelle moderator

Worcester ss To the 1st John C Pratt Constable for Grafton Sir you are hereby required In the name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts forthwith to Notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to vote for town officers to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house in sd Grafton on monday the fifth day of march Next at Eight o Clock A M then & there to act on the following articles (Viz)

1 to Chose a moderator for said meeting
2 to Choose Town officers for the present year
3 to Hear and accept the Report of the town Treasurer
4 to Grant money to repair the highways the current year
5 for the town to order what Shall be allowed per day for man & Team to work at the highways to be next year
6 to accept town Debts
7 to See if the town will allow the Swine to Run at Large the present year
8 to See how the town will order the school the current year
9 to hear the Request of Benj.n Goddard Esqr & others Respecting moving the Body seats in the meeting house & Erect Pews or act thereon as they Shall think Proper
10 to hear the Request of Zebulon Daniels & others to See if the town will abate the ministerial Taxes that are now in the Collectors hands not collected of all those that offer a Sufficient reason for the abatement of their ministerial Taxes
11 Likewise to See if the town will discontinue the road that was Laid out from Ezekiel Brighams Land through Elisha Brighams Land to Sutton line or allow the reasonable damage as it appears by the Proprietors records that their is no allowance for sd road or act thereon as they Shall think Proper

Hereof fail Not and make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Nineteenth day of February one thousand Seven hundred & ninety Eight

Selectmen of Grafton
Perley Batchelle
Andrew Addams
Wm Brigham
Elijah Brooks

March 5th 1798

Pursuant to the within Warrent I have Notified & warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Grafton as within directed to appear at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

John C Pratt Constable of Grafton

March 4th 1793
The town of grafton being met agreeable to warning and proceeded as follows viz — by vote chose Nathaniel Adams moderator

By vote chose — Col Luke Drury, Nathaniel Adams, Timothy Sherman, Elijah Brooks, Moses Adams — Selectmen

By vote chose Joseph Wood town clerk

By vote adjourned this meeting for one hour & half to the place
Nathaniel Adams moderator

The town being met according to adjournment proceeded as follows viz,

By vote chose Joseph Wood, Nathaniel Adams Esqr, Joseph Newman — Assessors

By vote chose Josiah Fairbanks & Ephraim Sherman Junr — Constables

chose John Bennet pound keeper

voted to have two tything men by vote chose Shelomith Stow & Amos Davis — tything men

voted to have seven Surveyors and Collectors of highways

by vote chose — Ebenezer Wadsworth, Jonathan Leland, Jas David Sherman, Daniel Hayden, Joseph Newman Junr, Nahum Stone, Joshua Hemmington — Surveyors & Collectors of highways

voted to have two fence viewers the present year

by vote chose Asher Drury & Capt Joseph Warner — pound keepers

voted to have three fence viewers chose Ebenezer Leland, Perley Goddard, Abner Abbit — fence viewers

chose Capt Zebadee Kidding sealer of Leather

chose Perley Goddard sealer of Lumber

By vote chose — Capt Joseph Temple, Timothy Temple, Elisha Smith, Royal Keith, Clark Brown, Reuben Wood, Charles Burbank, John Wadsworth, John Warner, Timothy Johnson — Hogreeves

voted to accept the Report of the treasurer

voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the twelvth Day of march Instant at one of the clock afternoon

Nathaniel Adams moderator

March 12th 1798 the town being met according to adjournment proceeded as follows viz^t by vote granted six hundred Dollars to Repair the highways this voted that a man shall have 4/6 pr Day and oxen 2/3 pr Day cart 1/6 pr for work at the highways

voted to have the work Done on the highways by the last of September

voted to accept Debts as follows viz^t

to Benjamin goddard Esq^r for making Rates the sum of	£	1-12-0
to Joseph Wood Esq^r for Do the sum of		1-12-0
to Capt Harding Read for Do the same of		1-12-0
to Nathaniel Adams for keeping the treasury the sum of		1-19-0
to Joseph Merriam for making Rates in 1796 the sum of		2-8-0

voted to have the Swine Run at Large the present year provided they are well yoaked and Ringed

voted to have a School Committee of ten by vote chose

Reuben Cumming
Moses Adams
Charles Brigham
Jonas Brown
Lt Jonny Whipple
Jonathan Wadsworth
Capt Joseph Warren
Amos Ellis
Nathaniel Adams
Moses Cutler Junr

} School Committee

voted to cut up the Body seats on the Lower floor of the meeting house and Build pews on the same

voted to chuse a committee of three to Draw a plan of the pews & Report by vote chose

Moses Hayden
Luke Drury
Timothy Sherman

} a Committee

put to vote if the town will abate the minister Rates of John goddard now in the hands of the Constable passed in the negative

put to vote if the town will abate the minister taxes of Ephraim and others now in the hand of the constable passed in the negative

put to vote to see if the town will Discontinue the Road that was Laid through Elisha Brighams Land from Ezekiel Brighams to Sutton Line passed in the negative

voted to give Reuben Daniels & Eleazer Leland Leave to keep up Bars and pews as used on the above said Road for seven months from this time

voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April at three of the clock afternoon

Nathaniel Adams moderator

April 2 d 1798 the town being met according to adjournment
By vote chose Isaiah Fairbanks Constable
proceeded as follows viz Chose Royl Keith Surveyor and Collector
of highway taxes in the Room of Daniel Hayden
accepted the Report of the Committee for cutting up the Body seat
and making pews
voted to chose a committee of five to build the pews on the floor
of the meeting house by vote chose messrs Hayden
Timothy Sherman
William Brigham
Perley Goddard
Benja Lathe
A Committee
By vote chose messrs Hemmenway Surveyors and Collectors of highway in
the Room of Ebenezer Wadsworth
voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the sixteenth Day of this
instant at five of the clock after noon Nathaniel Adams moderator
April 16th 1798 the town being met on adjournment proceeded as follows
viz by vote chose Josephus Villard Constable for the north side of
the town
by vote chose John Warner & John Pratt Hogreefs
voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of May next
at one of the Clock after noon Nathaniel Adams moderator
may 7 th 1798 the town of Grafton being met according to adjournment
Nathaniel Adams moderator
Dissolved this meeting

1798 the following persons were chosen to the offices to which they were chosen viz Joseph Wood town clerk

Joseph Wood
Hadley Read
Joseph newman } Assessors

Nathaniel adams town Treas

Ephraim Sherman Junr
Joseph Willard } Constables

Capt Shellsmith Stiles
Ansel Davis } Fything men

Phinehas Leland
David Sherman
Joseph newman Junr
Nahum Stone
Joshua Hemmington
Royal Keith
moses Hemmington } Surveyors & Collectors of highway taxes

Ebenezer Leland
Abner Abbot
Perley Goddard } fence viewers

Zebedee Redding Sealer of Leather
perley Goddard Sealer of Lumber

John C pratt
& John Warner } Hogreeves

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the Town of Grafton

To Ephm Sherman jr Constable for

Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts to notify & warn the male inhabitants of the said Town of Grafton of twenty one years of age & upwards having a free hold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on monday the second day of april next at one oClock afternoon to give in their votes for a Governor Lieutenant Governor & Senators agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Hereof fail not & make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this twenty third day of march one thousand seven hundred & ninety eight

Selectmen of Grafton

Luke Drury
Nath Adams
Tims Sherman
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said Town of Grafton qualified as herein Expresed to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

Ephm Sherman jr } Constable of Grafton

April 2d 1798

the town of grafton being met pursuant to warning according to Law for the purpose of giving in their votes for governor Lieut governor and Senators Brought in their votes as follows viz

for governor

for his Excellency Jonathan Sumner	53
for Hon James Sullivan	2
for his Hon Moses Gill	1

for Lieut governor

for the Hond Moses Gill	53
for his Excellency Jonathan Sumner	1

for Senators to viz for Hon Josiah Stearns	33
for Hon Elijah Brigham	53
Hon Salem Town	53
Hon Levi Lincoln	43
Hon Royal Taft	53
for Benja Hayward Esqr	21
Joseph Wood Esqr	6
Silvanus minick Esqr	1

Worcester ss 1798 Jan 1st

To Ephraim Sherman Jr one of the Constables of the town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble and meet on the first Monday in April next at the Town meeting house in said Grafton at two o'Clock after noon

To Give in their votes upon the Expediency of Dividing said County into two Seperate and distinct Counties

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to Some one of us the Subscribers at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 23d day of March A D 1798

Luke Drury
Nath Adams
Jno Sherman
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified and warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote as herein Expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Ephraim Sherman Jun Constable

April 2d 1798

The town of grafton being met pursuant to warning To give in their votes upon the Expediency of Dividing the County of Worcester into two Distinct Counties Brought in their votes as follow viz

for Dividing	68
against Dividing	3

Worcester ss To Ephm. Sherman Jr. Constable for the
Town of Grafton ——— Greeting
You are hereby Required in the Name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to Notify
and warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town
qualified by Law to vote in town meeting to meet at the
Towns meeting house in said Grafton on monday the sixteenth
day of this instant at four o Clock afternoon to act on the following
articles ——— (Viz)
1 to Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said meeting
2 for the town to Cut up the two back seats in the front
Gallery in the towns meeting house in Grafton and Erect
Pews in Lieu thereof & act thereon as they shall think Proper
3 for the town to paint the meeting house in Grafton or
act thereon as they shall think Proper ———

Hereof fail Not & make Return of this Warrant with your
doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting
Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Second
day of april A D 1798 Luke Drury } Selectmen
Nath Adams }
Timothy Sherman } of
Elijah Brooks } Grafton
Moses Adams }

Pursuent of the Within warrant I have notified the
Inhabitants of grafton aforesaid Qualified by law to vote in
town affairs to meet at the time and place & for the purpose
within mentioned Ephraim Sherman Junr Constable
Grafton April 5th 1798 ———

Grafton April 16th 1798
The town of grafton being met pursuant to warning proceeded
as follows viz — by vote Chose Col Luke Drury moderator
voted to Cut up the two Back seats in the front gallery and Erect
pews in the Room thereof
voted to Chuse a Committee to Build said pews ———
voted to have five in this Committee ———
By vote Chose ——— Majr Hayden
Timothy Sherman
William Brigham
Perley Goddard
Benja: Lathe } a Committee

put to vote whether the town would paint the whole of the out side of the meeting house and it passed in the affirmative
voted to Chuse a Committee of five to paint the meeting house By vote Chose
Majr Hayden
William Brigham
Timothy Sherman
Perley Goddard
Benja: Lathe } Committee

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Then Dissolved the meeting. Luke Drury moderator

Worcester ss To Ephraim Sherman jun.r Constable
for the Town of Grafton

You are hereby Required in the Name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said Town Being twenty one years of age & Resident in said town for the space of one year Next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual income of three pounds or any Estate to the amount of sixty pounds to meet at the Towns meeting house in said Grafton on monday the Seventh day of May next at two o Clock after Noon for the purpose of Choosing a man to Represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened at Boston on the last Wednesday of may

Hereof fail not & make a Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Sixteenth day of april one Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Eight

Selectmen of Grafton
Luke Drury
Ebn.r Adams
Simo.n Sherman
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Grafton qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of a Representative to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned — Ephraim Sherman Jun.r Constable

may 7th 1798 the town of grafton being met according to warning brought in their vote as follows

for Nathaniel Adams 30 votes
for Joseph Wood 47 votes

Worcester ss To Ephriam Sherman Jr Constable for the town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to met & assemble at the towns meeting house on monday the seventh day of may Next at three of the Clock after Noon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1 to Chuse a moderator to regulate said meeting
2 Grant money to defray town charges for the current year & act thereon as they shall think proper
3 to Encrease the town debt
4 to See how the town will order the interest on the new money the current year & act thereon as they shall think proper
5 to See how the town will order the interest on the six per cent Notes & act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon at or before the time of said meeting

Given under our hands Luke Drury
this 16th 1798 Nat Adams
Piper Herman
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the within warrent I have notified & warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town of Grafton qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to meet at the towns meeting house in said Grafton to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned

Ephriam Sherman Jr Constable

may 7th 1798 the town being met agreeably to warning proceeded as follows viz Chose David Wadsworth moderator
by vote granted sixty pounds including the interest on the school land to school
by vote granted one hundred & ten pounds to Defray other town charges
voted to appropriate the interest on the new note to the minister tax
voted to appropriate the interest on the six per cent note when due
to Defray town charges in addition to the other grant

David Wadsworth moderator

Worcester ss 351

To Josephus Willard one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton — Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the Votable inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house in said Town on monday the fifth Day of November Next at one o Clock afternoon to bring in their votes for a Representative to Congress —

Hereof fail not & make Due Return of this Warrant to the Clerk of said Town with your doings thereon at or before the hour of said meeting — Given under our hands & Seal this twenty Second day of October one Thousand Seven hundred & ninety Eight

Luke Drury
Nath.l Adams
Tim.o Sherman
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to this warrant I have notified & warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants to meet at the time & place within mentioned

Grafton Nov.r 3d 1798 Josephus Willard Constable.

November 5th 1798

the Town of grafton being met agreeably to warning for the purpose of chusing a Representative to Congress brought in their votes as follows viz for Hon.r Levi Lincoln Esq.r — 71

for Hon.r Dwight Foster Esq.r — 5

November 16 th 1798

Ephraim Flemington was sworn to the faithful discharge of his Duty as a packer of Beef in Grafton before me Josiah Newton Clerk

Worcester ss 1798 352

To Josiahus Willard one of the Constables of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify & warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to Vote in town meetings to meet & assemble at the towns meeting house on monday the fifth Day of Novr Next at two o'clock afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz)

1st To Chuse a moderator to Regulate said meeting

2 To Hear the Report of the Committee Chosen to build the pews in the meeting house & act thereon as they shall think Proper

3d for the town to Sell the pews Lately Built in the meeting house & act thereon as they shall think Proper

4th To except town Debts

Hereof fail Not & make Due Return of this Warrant to some one of us with your doings thereon & to before the hours of said meeting Given under our hands & Seal this twenty second Day of October 1798

Luke Brooks
Natt. Adams
Jno. Sherman
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
} Select men of Grafton

Worcester ss

In obedience to this Warrant I have Notified & warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants to meet at the time & place within mentioned — Josiahus Willard Constable

Grafton Novr 3 1798

Grafton November 5th 1798

the town of grafton being met agreeably to warning proceeded as
follows 1st by a vote chose Col Luke Dowty moderator
voted to sell the pews Lately Built at vendue
voted to chuse five as a committee to sell the pews
By vote chose Luke Dowty
Major Hayden
Joseph Wood
Ephraim Read
Jonathan Leland } committee

voted that the committee shall give Deed to the purchasers
of said pews

by adjournment this meeting to the third monday of November
instant at one of the clock after noon

Luke Dowty moderator

November 19th 1798 the town being met agreeably to adjournment
proceeded as follows viz voted allow the committee amount
for Building the pews 143 - 60
and to allow the committee amount for their trouble 6 D.

Luke Dowty moderator

January 2nd 1799 Capt Zebadee Kidding was sworn to the
faithfull Discharge of his Duty as a Sealer of weights & measures

Know All men by these presents that Whereof we Luke Drury Joseph Wood Moses Haydon Thadeus Read & Phinehas Leland All of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent.ᵉ are appointed by Legal vote of Sᵈ Grafton a Committee for the Sale & Conveyance of the pews Lately built in Sᵈ town's meeting house & Being Duely attested for the purpose afore said — For & in consideration of one hundred & ten Dollars Paid By Moses Harrington & Joel Fay of the town & afore said husbandman the receipt Where of we do Acknowledge do hereby Give Grant Sell & Convey unto the Sᵈ Moses Harrington & Joel Fay their heirs & assigns Forever a Certain pew in the meeting house No 42 on the Lower floor to them & there use benifit & behoof forever in testimony of which We the above Named Committee have in the Capacity aforesaid For & in Behalf of said town of Grafton hereunto Set our hands & Seals this 31ˢᵗ day of December in the yeaʳ of our Lord 1798 Signed & Sealed &c

in Presence of
Natthᵉ Adams
Timᵈ Merriam

Luke Drury (L.S.)
Moses Haydon (L.S.)
Thaddeus Read (L.S.)
Phinehas Leland (L.S.)
(L.S.)

Know all men by these Presents that Whereas we Luke Drury Joseph Wood Moses Haydon Phinehas Leland & Thaddeus Read all of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gentᵉ are appointed by Legal vote of said Grafton a committee for the Sale & Conveyance of all the pews Lately Built in said town meeting house & Being duly authorized for the purpose afore said for & in Consideration of one hundred & dollars Paid by moses Addams of the town County & afore said yeaman the receipt whereof we do here by acknowledge do here by Give Grant Sell Convey & Confirm unto the said moses Addams his heirs & assigns forever a certain pew in the meeting house aforesaid No 41 on the Lower floor to his & their use Benifit & Behoof forever

In Testimony whereof We the above Named committee have in our said Capacity hereunto Set our hands & Seals this 31ˢᵗ day of Decᵉ in the yeaʳ of our Lord 1798

in presence of
Timᵒ Merriam
Moses Harrington

Signed Sealed & D

Luke Drury (L.S.)
Moses Haydon (L.S.)
Thadᵉ Read (L.S.)
Phinᵃ Leland (L.S.)
Joseph Wood (L.S.)

Know all men by these Presents Whereas we Luke Drury Joseph Wood Moses Haydon Nathl Read & Phinehas Leland all of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent. are appointed by Legal vote of said Grafton a Committee for the Sale & Conveyance of all the Town Lots lying in said Towns meeting house & being duly authorized to deliver above said for & in Consideration of fifty one dollars paid by Thos Axtell of the Town County & aforesaid yeoman the receipt where by acknowledge do hereby Give Grant Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Thos Axtell his Heirs & assigns forever A certain pew in the said Town meeting house No 19 on the upper floor to him & their use Benefit & Behoof forever

In testimony of which we the above named Committee in our said Capacity for & in behalf of said Town hereunto set our hands & Seals this 21st day of Decr in the year of our Lord 1798.

Signed Sealed &c
in presents of
Moses Harrington
Joel Fay

Luke Drury
Moses Haydon
Phinehas Leland
Shaddus Read
Joseph Wood

Grafton Febr 13th 1799

This day laid out a Road in the Northwesterly part of said town beginning at a Stake & heap of Stones at the old County road a little Easterly from Esqr Packards house running North fifteen d. west thirty three Rods ½ to a Stake & heap of Stones, then North twenty four d. west thirty Rods ½ to a Stake & heap of Stones at the County Road leading from Dr Noah B Kimballs to Worcester said Roads is two Rods wide excepting five Rods of the Last mentioned line is three Rods at the meeting of said Roads & is Bounded on the Easterly Side of said Road

Luke Drury
Natl Adams
Jimi Sherman
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton march the fourth 1799
This Rode was Read and accepted agreably to the above Laying out at a Legal town meeting Joseph Wood town Clerk

Worcester ss 356 To Josephus Willard one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify & warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to meet & assemble at the town meeting house on monday the fourth day of march next at eight of the Clock in the fore noon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1 to chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 to chuse town officers for the Current year
3 to see if the town will let the Swine run at Large the Current year
4 to See how the town will order the School the Current year & act thereon
5 to Grant money to repair the highways the Current year or act thereon as they shall think proper
6 to See what the town will allow per day to a man & team on the highway & act thereon as they shall think proper
7 to hear & Except the Report of the Surveyors
8 to See if the town will Except of a town Road laid out by the Selectmen at the Request of Stephen Rice & Others Packard & act thereon as they shall See Cause
9 to See if the town will order the Treasurer to Give an order on the Collector to allow Dogs are taxed for a dog for one dollar discharge &c tax & act thereon as they shall See Cause
10 to Except town Debts
11 for the town appropriate their interest on the Notes in the town office also the interest arising from other Given for the School Land likewise the interest on the town Notes or the purpose of Establishing a fund sufficient to pay the Reverend John Miller Salary & act thereon as they shall See Cause

Fail Not & make due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Eighteenth Day of Feb.y one thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Nine

Luke Drury
Nath.l Adams
Tim.y Sherman
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Grafton to meet at the time & place & purposes in said warrant Josephus Willard Constable
Grafton march 4th 1799

meant 4th 1799 the town of grafton being met agreeable to warning proceeded as follows viz by vote chose Nathaniel Adams moderator

by vote chose Nathaniel Adams
Luke Drury
Perley Batchelder
Jeremiah Leland
Moses Adams
} Selectmen

by vote chose Joseph Wood town clerk

by vote chose Nathaniel Adams town treasurer

voted to have three assessors the present year

by vote chose Tyladers Read
Tyladers adams
Benja: Packard
} Assessors

by vote adjourned this meeting to two of the Clock afternoon to this place

Nathaniel Adams moderator

the town being met according to adjournment proceeded as follows viz

by vote chose Josiah Fairbanks Constable & collector of taxes
by vote chose timothy temple Constable & collector of taxes
by vote chose John Barrett pound keeper

voted to have two lighting men the present year

by vote chose Ebenezer Cutler
& Ephraim Flemington
} Lighting men

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voted to have seven highway Surveyors the present year

by vote chose
Benjamin Leathe
James Whipple Junr
Benjamin Leland
Joseph Prentice
Ebenezer Cutler Junr
Stephen Holbrook
} Highway Surveyors

voted to have two fence viewers, the present year by vote chose John Leonard
Joseph Warren
} fence viewers

voted to have two fence viewers
by vote chose
Timothy Sherman
Jedediah Reading
} fence viewers

by vote chose capt Zebedee Reading
Sealer of Leather
Jedediah Reading
Sealer of Lumber

by vote chose Jeremiah Stearns
voted to have the town hogreeve the present year
by vote chose
Joseph Harrington

ment 1799 the following persons were sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty in the office to which they were chosen viz
Nathaniel Adams
Elias Ruggles
Reuben Adams
Benjamin Leland
Jedediah Reading
Benja Leathe
Joseph Prentice
Ebenezer Cutler Jr
Stephen Holbrook
James Whipple Jr
Benja Leland
Timothy Sherman
Daniel Leland
Silas Bruce
Silas Hayden
Moses Roberts
Joshua Harrington
John Putnam
Isaac Gould
Silas Phillips
Stephen Holbrook
Levi Leland
Samuel Woodworth
Benja Kingsbury
Jonathan Wheelock Junr
} Hog Reeves

voted to have the three Rum at Large the present year
voted to have ten in the School committee
by vote chose
John Bennett
Ebenezer Cutler Jr
Timothy Sherman Junr
Stephen Leland
Ephraim Sherman Jr
Levi Fowler
Daniel Leland
Silas Fearbush
Reuben Adams
Samuel Adams
} School Committee

by vote granted six hundred Dollars to Repair the highways the present year — voted to allow 4/6 per Day for man 2/3 for oxen 1/ for cart to work at the highways
voted that the work shall be done on the highways by the Last of September next
voted that the Surveyors shall give orders on the Collectors to all such as are taxed for Days for one Dollar to discharge the tax
voted to adjourn this meeting to the third monday of march instant at 2 oClock P.M.
March 18 1799 the town being according to adjournment proceeded as following viz
by vote accepted of Nathaniel Adams account for keeping the town 6 D 50 cts
voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour to this place
agreeably to adjournment proceeded as follows viz — voted that upon condition there is a sufficient sum Subscribed so that the interest to the interest will amount to 8 pounds after the interest on the notes in the Law office allowed on the notes given for the School Land Likewise the interest on the new notes shall be appropriated for the purpose of Establishing a fund for the support of preaching agreeably to the Bond the town entered into to the General Court
voted to accept of Jacob Fairbanks as Constable & Collector in the room of Timothy Sherman
accepted the following accounts for making Rates last year viz to Joseph Harrington the sum of 6 D 0 c Nathaniel Adams ditto to Joseph Wood the sum — 4 D 0 c

Joseph Wood town Clerk

The following is the [illegible] April 1795 and
June 24th 1795 Samuel Adams to alive Jones Booth of Westminster and
June 29th 1795 Martin Smith of Shrewsbury and Polley Stevens to
of Grafton was married
January 8th 1795 Edward Lefore & Betsey Booth of Grafton Hardwick
married Grafton April 3d 1795 Benja. Goddard of Petersham and
August 6th 1795 Samuel Stevenson & Abigail Putnam Booth
of Grafton was married
November 8th 1795 Perley Goddard and Lucy Stevenson
was married Booth of Grafton
November 28th 1795 Daniel Robins of Marlborough
and Cordia Miller of Grafton was married
Before me Benjamin Goddard Justice Peace

Recorded by Joseph Wood town Clerk

To Joseph Wood town Clerk I have married three couple
the year past viz Perley Whipple & Olive Putnam Booth of Grafton
November 29th 1796
December 8th 1796 was married William Rathbun of
Leathborough to Relief Miller of Grafton
March 30th 1797 was married Clark Brown to Polley Stevens
Booth of Grafton
John Miles

Recorded by Joseph Wood town Clerk

Mr. Joseph Wood Town clerk I hereby certify that
I have married seven couple in the year of our Lord 1798
viz on the thirtenth of may married Daniel Leland & mary
Fairbanks Booth of Grafton June 6 married Micah Stone
of Framingham to the widow Sarah Bellows of Grafton
August 19 married John Putnam to Anna Rawson Booth
Booth of Grafton
October 7 married Benjamin Kingsbury & Polly Bigelow
Booth of Grafton
November 15th married Solomon Brigham & Lucy Adams
Booth of Grafton
November 25 married Solomon Hayden & Betsey
Bond Booth of Grafton
November 29 married Joshua Stevenson & Polly Adams
Booth of Grafton John Miles Justice of the
Peace in Grafton Grafton April 1st 1799

Joseph Wood town clerk

January 7th 1796
Barnabas Sibley & Rebecka Keith Both of grafton was married
by me —— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

April 24th 1796 John Knox & Molly Daniels Both of grafton
was married by —— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

April 27th 1796 Simeon Sutton & Polly Trumbull of grafton
was married by me —— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

May 15th 1796 Stephen Rice Junr & Polly Parker Both of Gra
was married by —— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

August 11th 1796 Aaron Pierce of Hopkinton & Sarah Wesson of
Grafton was married by —— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

August 29th 1796 Samuel Keith & Lucia Lathe Both of Grafton
was married by —— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

September 5th 1796 Joel Wesson of Grafton Gent & Thankfull
Foster of Shrewsbury was married by Joseph Wood Justice of peace

October 24th 1797 Elphlet Smith & Susanna Pratt Both of
Grafton was married by Joseph Wood Justice of peace

November 19th 1797 Daniel Holbrook & Lydia Ward Both of Grafton
were married by me Joseph Wood Justice of peace

February 8th 1798 Joseph Hosmer & Susanna Watson Both of
Westminster was married by —— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

March 15th 1798 James Hendrick of Greenwich & Sophia Lathe
of Grafton were married by Joseph Wood Justice of peace

April 22d 1798 Timothy Temple of Grafton & Susanna Thurber
of Mendon was married by Joseph Wood Justice of peace

May 1st 1798 Thomas Marshall Baker & Betsey Sherman Both
of Grafton was married by Joseph Wood Justice of peace

August 3d 1798 Barnabas Sibley 2nd & Phebe Earle of Boylston was
married by —— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

November 29th 1798 James Dexter Junr of Boylston and Rebecka
Thurston of Grafton were married by Joseph Wood Justice of peace

April 16th 1793
Nathaniel G. Wood & Levina Hayden Both of grafton was
married by me ——— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

August 8th 1793
Israel Goulding and Lucy Dunn both of grafton was married by me
Joseph Wood Justice of peace

August 11th 1793
Amos Battelle of grafton and Sarah Baker of Jaffrey was
married by me ——— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

August 19th 1793 Stephen Barns of marlborough & Betsy
Parks of grafton was married by me Joseph Wood Justice of peace

November 7th 1793 Reuben Hopkins & Elizabeth Stow Both of
grafton was married by me Joseph Wood Justice of peace

December 26th 1793 Silas Gray of Westborough & Ruth Rice
of grafton was married by ——— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

February 2d 1794 Simeon putnum of Charlton & Betty Babbitt
of grafton was married by ——— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

February 23d 1794 John Smith Whitney of westborough & Susanna
Kneeland of Shrewsbury were married by me Joseph Wood Justice of peace

July 13th 1794 Levi Thurston & Hannah Hayden both of
grafton was married by me Joseph Wood Justice of peace

September 27th 1794 Moses Comstock of Sudbury & Anna
Davenport of Grafton were married by Joseph Wood Justice of

February 5th 1795 John Chase & Betty Dunn Both of
grafton was married by Joseph Wood Justice of peace

August 28th 1795 Asa Davenport & Hannah Biglow Both
of grafton was married by Joseph Wood Justice of peace

September 17th 1795 Joseph Brooks and Betsy Bacon Both of upton
was married by ——— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

September 27th 1795 Jacob Whitney of upton & Patty Thurston of
Grafton were married by ——— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

October 1795 Elias Foskey & Hannah Both of upton
was married by me ——— Joseph Wood Justice of peace

January 10th 1796 Timothy Thurston & Lucy Hayden Both
of grafton was married By Joseph Wood Justice of peace

The intentions of Marriage between Joseph Taylor Wood of Grafton and Abigail Workman of Brookfield were made known and entered with me May 17. 180

William Lamb T. Clerk

The intentions of Marriage between Elijah Stan of Grafton and Peries Heard of Rutland was made known and entered with me June 2 D. 1800 — — — — — William Lamb T. Clerk

The intentions of Marriage between Levi Hayward of ~~Grafton~~, and Hannah Leland both of Grafton, was made known and entered with me June 22, 180

William Lamb T. Cle

The intentions of marriage between Jane Crew jr of Grafton and Polly Barton of Northbridge was made known & entered with me July 1st 1800

William Lamb T. Cle

The intentions of marriage between Elijah Peirce and Bulah Miller both of Grafton was made known and entered with me Aug 21 D. 1800

William Lamb T. Clerk

The intentions of marriage between Oliver Ormsbe and Priscilla Hayward Smith both of Grafton was made known & entered with me Sept 6th D. 1800

William Lamb T. Clerk

The intention of marriage between Daniel Chester of Grafton
& Rosanna Ellis of Bellingham was made known and Entered with
me June 9th 1799 Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Lillian Millington
& Susanna Wait Both of Grafton was made known and
Entered with me November 16th 1799 Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Jeremiah Clap
and Polly Forbes Both of Grafton was made known
and Entered with me December 1st 1799
Joseph Wood Town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Daniel Cook
June of Warwick & Polly Kimball of Grafton was made known
and Entered with me December 8th 1799
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Solomon prentice
and Tabatha Leland Both of grafton were made known
and Entered with me January 19th 1800
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Between Jonathon
Hayden June of grafton and Sally perry of Holden
was made known and Entered with me February 16th 1800
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of Marriage between Benjamin Lathe jr
of Grafton & Elizabeth Singletterry of Sutton, was made
known and entered with me March 15th D. 1800
William Lamb Town Clerk

The intention of Marriage between Nephemiah Lathe 2d of
Grafton and Prudence Dodge of Sutton, was made known
and entered with me April 10th D. 1800.
William Lamb Town Clerk

The intention of marriage between Ebenezer Leland jr
and Patty Brooks, both of Grafton, was made known
and entered with me, May 8 D. 1800

William Lamb T. Clerk

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The intention of marriage Between James Dexter Junr of Rayllston & Reconcile Thrasher of grafton made known and Entred with me September 9th 1798 Joseph Wood town
the intention of marriage Between Joshua Herrington & Polly adams Both of grafton was made Known & Entred with me September 30th 1798. Joseph Wood Town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Salomon Hayden and Nancy Bond Baath of grafton was made known and Entred with me octobr 15th 1798 Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Lewis Butler of providence and Banbary Nichals of grafton was made known and Entred with me November 4th 1798
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Elizah Hall of grafton and Lucy Knotton of Shrewsbury was made known and Entred with me January 20th 1799 Joseph Wood town clerk

The intention of marriage Between Enos good & Betty Jenson Both of grafton was made known and Entred with me January 20th 1799 Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Silus Hardy of upton and Ruth Trowbush of grafton was made known and Entred with me January 27th 1799 Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Micah Madden of Milford & Hannah gowing of grafton was made known and entred with me febrary 10th 1799 Joseph Wood town Clerk

the intention of marriage Between Levi goddard and polly goddard Both of grafton made known and Entred with me febrary 17th 1799
Joseph Wood town Clerk

the intention of marriage Between Stephen Holbrook & Sally goddard Both of grafton made known & Entred with me febrary 17th 1799
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Josephus Cheney of Holden and polley Hayden of grafton was made known and Entred with me march 17th 1799 Joseph Wood town Clerk

the intention of marriage Between Gregory Stone and prudent Leland was made known and Entred with me march 25th 1799 Joseph Wood town Clerk

the intention of marriage Between Jeremiah Flagg and Lucia Bowy Both of grafton was made known and Entred with me october 20th 1799 Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Ambrose Read of grafton and Betty Phillips of milford was made known and Entred with me march 11th 1798
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Daniel Leland & mary Forbush Both of grafton was made known and Entred with me march 25th 1798
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Thomas marshal Baker and Betty Sherman Both of grafton was made known and Entred with me April 1st 1798
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Rev John mills of grafton & Polly Penny of Leicester was made known and Entred with me April 15th 1798 Joseph Wood Town clerk

The intention of marriage Between Micah Stone 2d of Hopkinton and Widow Sarah Batchelle of grafton made known and Entred with me may 13th 1798
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Barnabas Sibley of grafton & Phebe Earl of Boylston was made known and Entred with me July 15th 1798
Joseph Wood town Clerk

July 21st 1798 the intention of marriage between John putnum & Anna Rawson Both of Hale was made known and Entred with me Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Salomon Brigham & Lucy Adams Both of grafton was made known and Entred with me
Joseph Wood town Clerk
August 12 1798

The intention of marriage Between Samuel Wadsworth of grafton and Elizabeth Bowers of Hopkinton was made known and Entred with me September 2d 1798
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage between Jonathan Hubbard of grafton and Sarah Hill of Hopkinton was made known and Entred with me September 9th 1798
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage between Benjamin Knowlton and Polly Brigham was made known and Entred with me September 9th 1798 Joseph Wood town Clerk

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The intention of marriage Between John Hayworth and Lois Wood both of Grafton was made known & Entered with me September 17th 1797

Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between capt Joseph Whipple of grafton and Cate Hasting of Shrewsbury made known and Entered with me September 24th 1797.

Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Joseph Whitney of grafton and Hannah Rice of marlborough was made Known & Entered with me october 15th 1797

Joseph Town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Calvin Grannon of Grafton and Bathsheba Jewel of Shirley was made Known and Entered with me December 3d 1797 Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Royal Keith of Grafton and Debba Adams of northbridge was made Known and Entered with me December 3d 1797 Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Timothy Fenton of grafton and Sally Pierce of Sutton was made known and Entered with me December 17th 1797 Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Joseph Aaron And Susanna Walton Both of grafton made known and Entered with me January 7th 1798 Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Ambrose Chase Jun of Sutton & Sally Shannon of grafton made Known and Entered with me February 4th 1798 Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Timothy Temple of Grafton and Susanna Shaw of mendon was made known and Entered with me February 11th 1798

Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Samel Hendrick of Greenwich and Sophia Lathe of grafton was made known and Entered with me February 11th 1798

Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Amand Kimball of grafton and Small Cat of Sutton was made Known and Entered with me March 4th 1798

Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage betwen Joseph prentice
and Priscilla meriam both of grafton was Entred
with me and made known June 26th 1796

Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage between Samuel Keith
of uxbridge & the booth of grafton made known
and entred with me July 18th 1796

Joseph Wood Town clerk

The intention of marriage Between Jacl Wesson Jun
of grafton & thankfull newton of Shrewsbury made known
and Entred with me August 21st 1796

Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage between penley & Cripple
and alice Dunny both of grafton made known and
Entred with me November 6th 1796

Joseph Wood town clerk

The Intention of marrage Between moses Cutler Jun
of grafton and Betsey gray of worcester made known
and Entred with me December 4th 1796

Joseph Wood town clerk

The Intention of marrage Between Stephen Sadler of
grafton and polley Hill of Sturbridge made known and entred
with me January 29th 1797 Joseph Wood town clerk

The Intention of marriage Between Clark Brown
and Salley Shermans Batt of grafton made known and
Entred with me march 12th 1797

Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Charles
Brigham of grafton and Susanna Bates of
uxbridg made known and Entred with me
July 2d 1797 Joseph Wood town clerk

The Intention of marrage Between John Warren
of grafton & polly chapen of uxbridge made known
and Entred with me July 30th 1797

The Intention of marriage Between Cliphet Smith
and Susanna pratt both of grafton was made known
and Entred with me August 27th 1797

October 17th 1795
The intention of marriage between Daniel Rabbins of
Marlborough and Candace miller of grafton was Entred with me
and made known Joseph Wood town Clerk

The Intention of marriage between Barnabas Sibley and
Rebecca Keith both of grafton was made known and Entred with me
November 30th 1795 Joseph Wood town Clerk

The Intention of marriage between Timothy Hinsdon
and Lucy Harpder both of grafton was made known
and Entred with me December 20th 1795
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage between Benjamin Hurse
of Westborough and Asseath Davis of grafton was made
known and Entred with me January 24th 1796
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The Intention of marriage between Joseph Chapen
of grafton and Polley Mason of Thompson was made
known and Entred with me February 7th 1796
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The Intention of marriage between Simeon Newton
of Sutton and polley Fairbanks of grafton was made
known and Entred with me march 13th 1796
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The Intention of marriage between John Knox and
molly Daniels both of grafton was made known and
Entred with me April 1st 1796
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The Intention of marriage between Stephen Kimson
and Polley Packard both of was made known
and Entred with me April 30th 1796
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The intention of marriage between Aaron Pierce of
Hopkinton and Sarah Wesson of grafton June was
made known and Entred with me June 12th 1796
Joseph Wood town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage betwixt John Chase & Polly Drury both of Grafton made known the 8th day of November 1794
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Edward Lapure & Elisabeth Hayden Both of Grafton made known the 12th day of December 1794.
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage betwixt Col. Luke Drury of Grafton and Mary Howland of James Town in the State of Rhode Island made known and Entred the third day of Jan[y] 1795 Benja Goddard T Clerk

the Intention of marriage between Joseph Goodnow and Lucy Sherman both of grafton made known and entred the twenty first day of march 1795 Joseph Wood Town Clerk

The intention of marage betweden Jacob Whitney of upton and patty Whipple of grafton made known and Entred the seventeenth Day of may 1795
Joseph Wood Town Clerk

the intention of marage betwen John Davenport and hannah Bigsby both of grafton was made known and entred with me may seventeenth 1795
Joseph Wood town Clerk

the intention of marage betwen Samuel Hannagton and nabby putnum both of grafton was made known and entred with me June 14th 1795 Joseph Wood town Clerk

the intention of marage betwen William Howan of grafton and Lidia alwirk of mendon was made known and entred with me June 14th 1795 Joseph Wood town Clerk

the intention of marage betwen Samuel forbush of grafton and Tally Nichols of westborough was made known and entred with me July 12th 1795 Joseph Wood town Clerk

the intention of marage betwen obediah Wheelock of upton & Lucretia Fisher of grafton was made known and Entred with me June 26th 1795
Joseph Wood town Clerk

the intention of marage betwen Elisabet Smith and Rachal mcfarland both of grafton was made known and entred with me September 13th 1795
Joseph Wood town Clerk

the intention of marage betwen pealey goodnow and Lucy Remington both of grafton was made known and entred with me September 13th 1795
Joseph Wood town Clerk

Part of 1795 Acct. & Copy of the Shipyard Rent Bill for the year 1794 Battle part of Col: Drury

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